What I Can Do With a Major In . . .

HISTORY

History is the story of human community as it has developed through time. It is a narrative and interpretive study, based upon documentary evidence. History plays a central role in the liberal arts curriculum because of its value in illustrating the human condition through time and in integrating into a comprehensible whole the range of activities that have formed the human experience. It is recommended that students take courses from each of the broad historical areas: U.S. History, European History, and Non-western History. The History major prepares students for a number of occupations and postgraduate studies, including secondary and college teaching, law, ministry, government, and public service.

Associated Job Titles:
Secondary Teacher
Lawyer
Court Official
Judge
Minister
College Professor
FBI Agent
CIA Agent
Elected Official
Foreign Service Officer
Legislative Aide
Public Policy Analyst
Lobbyist
Historian
Journalist
Biographer
Editor
Public Commentator
Researcher
Librarian
Archivist
Historical Society Director
Museum Curator

Associated Skills:
- Ability to identify and evaluate events and ideas in sequence.
- Proficiency in reading comprehension
- Proficiency for maintaining accurate facts and details
- Ability to see and understand patterns in development over long periods of time
- Ability to make observations and solve problems in a systematic and orderly fashion
- Ability to concentrate on the subject matter for long periods of time

Associated Personal Qualities:
Appreciation of historical events and their significance
Dedication
Perseverance
Intellectual growth
Analytical mind
Strong interest in reading and writing
Desire to understand and explain the past
Objectivity
Curiosity
Resourcefulness
Integrity

Career Library Resources:
Great Jobs for History Majors
Opportunities in Law Careers
A Guide to America’s Federal Jobs
10 Steps to a Federal Job
Liberal Arts Jobs
Opportunities in International Business

What Color Is Your Parachute?
Career Planning Today
Majoring in the Rest of Your Life
Do What You Are
The Kuder Book of People Who Like Their Work
Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance
The Enhanced Guide for Occupational Exploration
The Dictionary of Occupational Titles
FOCUS Computer Guidance System

Places To Contact For More Information:
American Historical Association
400 A Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003
National Center for the Study of History
R.R.1, Box 679
Cornish, MA 04020

Websites To Visit:
www.theaha.org
www.achp.gov/shpo.html
www.aastlh.org
www.archivists.org
www.aam-us.org
www.nationaltrust.org

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Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill Harrodsburg (606) 734-5411
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Alumni Contacts:
Schedule an appointment with Career Services to conduct a tailored search for alumni working in the fields associated with this major.

Note: For specific information concerning course requirements of this major, please pick up a major sheet at the Registrar’s Office located in the Administration Building.

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