## HISTORY

**What can I do with this degree?**

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| **GOVERNMENT** | Federal agencies, including:  
Smithsonian Institution  
National Archives and Records  
Library of Congress  
National Park Service  
Intelligence Services  
Foreign Service  
State agencies, including:  
State archives and libraries  
State museums, parks and historic sites  
Municipal archives  
Arts & humanities councils & commissions | Get relevant experience in student government or intern in a government agency.  
Demonstrate superior academic record.  
Plan on getting an advanced degree.  
Develop foreign language ability.  
Become familiar with government hiring procedures.  
Consider entry-level positions in local, state and federal agencies even though they may not be history-related. |
| **POLITICS** | Staff of legislator, governor, or mayor  
National political party headquarters  
Public interest advocacy groups  
Political campaigns | Gain experience and make contacts through internship with government agency or elected public official.  
Volunteer to work with public interest group, political campaign, political association, or community service project.  
Participate in student government and campus politics. |
| **JOURNALISM** | News department of local public and commercial radio and TV stations  
Syndicated radio services  
Newsletters  
National, state, and regional radio networks | Work on campus newspaper, TV, or radio.  
Find summer or part-time work (paid or volunteer) with local commercial TV or radio station.  
Volunteer with public TV or radio.  
Acquire minor or double major in journalism or broadcasting. |
| **EDUCATION** | Public and private schools  
Colleges and universities | Obtain teaching certificate for public school teaching.  
Obtain graduate degree for college and university teaching.  
Get experience as tutor, camp counselor, church school teacher, etc.  
Solicit strong personal recommendations. |
(History, p. 2)

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<td>(Non-classroom Education)</td>
<td>Museums, Zoological parks, aquariums, wildlife refuges and bird sanctuaries, Aboretums, gardens and conservatories, Camps, National and State Parks</td>
<td>Develop excellent presentation skills. Find an internship or volunteer in a setting that appeals to you. Learn how to develop curriculums and workshops and how to use multimedia. Become an &quot;expert&quot; in a particular subject.</td>
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<td>NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS</td>
<td>History museums and historic sites, Historical associations and societies, Cultural heritage organizations, Historical projects, Research and service institutions</td>
<td>Get experience as a volunteer in nonprofit organizations that interest you.</td>
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<td>LAW</td>
<td>Law firm, Corporate legal department, Government agencies, Public advocacy groups</td>
<td>Obtain paralegal training or law degree. Find summer/part-time work in a law firm. Volunteer with a public advocacy group.</td>
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<td>CURATORIAL AND ARCHIVAL MANAGE-</td>
<td>Museums, Historical homes, Art galleries, Special collections, Historical societies, Libraries, Universities and colleges, National, state &amp; local governments, Corporations, Non-profit organizations, Research institutes</td>
<td>Acquire good background in computers. Get an internship or volunteer in a related organization. Develop excellent written and oral communication skills. Hone organizational skills and learn to have an eye for detail. Earn a master's degree in information sciences for advanced opportunities in data management.</td>
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<td>RETAILING/SALES</td>
<td>All major retail firms including: drug, specialty, variety and department store chains, Wholesalers, Manufacturers, Insurance firms, Real Estate agencies</td>
<td>Obtain related experience through part-time or summer retail positions with campus yearbook or newspaper selling advertisement space. Seek leadership roles in campus organizations.</td>
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