

What you can do with your **HISTORY MAJOR**



History Major Skills:



Research

You learn to read and evaluate a variety of materials to determine their origins, perspective, usefulness, and reliability.



Written & Oral Communication

You articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively in written and oral communications to different audiences.



Analytical Thinking

You analyze and explain complex changes over time at different levels of scale, synthesizing diverse methodologies and sources of information.



Teamwork

You work respectfully with others to approach and solve complex problems from a variety of perspectives.



Creative Thinking

You ask creative questions and identify relevant sources to answer them; develop original, convincing arguments and viewpoints.



Global & Multi-Cultural Competence

You recognize multiple ways of being in the world, break down stereotypes and misconceptions through rigorous analysis, and understand the roots of persistent social, economic, gender, and racial inequalities across time, space, and cultures.

Supplement Your Skills With:



Career & Self Development



Quantitative Data Analysis & Interpretation



Study Abroad Experience



Experience Fostering Professional Equity & Inclusion



Internships, Volunteering & Part-Time Work

Chart Your Path Forward

Activate Your Handshake Account

for connections to jobs, internships, employer & alumni networking.

Get Specialized Career Advising

with History Career Advisor Christina Matta:
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Take History 300: History at Work

(1-2 credits) to frame your History major skills & network with alumni.

Get Started: successworks.wisc.edu

Put your History major to **WORK**

Frequent Alumni Job Titles:

1. Attorney/Counsel
2. Partner/Principal
3. President/Vice President
4. Professor
5. Business Owner
6. CEO
7. Project Manager
8. Executive Director
9. Account Executive
10. Principal/Teacher
11. General Manager
12. Consultant
13. Business Development Manager



Top Employers of Recent Alumni:

Top 10:

1. Epic
2. American Family Insurance
3. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
4. Allstate
5. State of Wisconsin
6. UW Health
7. Army National Guard
8. Associated Bank
9. Best Buy
10. Medical College of WI

Additional Employers:

- Michigan State University
- Target
- US Army
- United States Postal Service
- University of Minnesota
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Milwaukee County
- Verizon
- ABC Television

Recent Grads' Career Plans:

- 66%** Employment
- 30%** Continuing Education or Grad School
- 4%** Volunteering or Service Programs

Industry of Employment:

- Arts & Entertainment (includes museums)
- Consumer Goods
- Education
- Finance
- Government
- Healthcare
- Info Tech
- Marketing
- Retail

Where Alumni Live & Work:

- 30%** Wisconsin →
- 11%** Illinois →
- 10%** New York →
- 4%** District of Columbia →
- 4%** Minnesota →
- 41%** Other →



"Most of my day involves writing to or speaking with clients about software. Although I had no prior experience in software, a majority of the skills I use every day were molded as a history major. I rely heavily on my research skills to listen for concerns, investigate, and create documentation."

Courtney Rodriguez, 2017
Onboarding Coordinator, Medtelligent
Chicago, IL



"History majors are storytellers. No matter what job you're in, you're telling your story: to get hired, to get promoted, to get people to care. If you can make a complicated topic very clear, you'll be successful. That's what we do as storytellers"

Rick Kalson, 1990
Partner, Benesch Frielander
Pittsburgh, PA

Career Communities for History Majors

With a History major, you can do anything you want. Explore any of the eight SuccessWorks Career Communities. These four Communities are a great place to start:

Not inspired by these options? Visit SuccessWorks to explore more widely.

- **Government, Policy, International Affairs & Law**
- **Communications, Entertainment & the Arts**
- **Environment, Natural Resources & Wildlife**
- **Consulting, Finance, Management & Client Relations**

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