

What can I do with a major in HISTORY?

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT HISTORY GRADUATES POSSESS:

- good understanding of significant historical events, people and artifacts
- ability to identify and comprehend the political, social, cultural and economic impact of historical events
- tendency to approach the unknown with a curious, inquisitive mind and a desire to learn
- ability to systematically gather, analyze, organize and present information in a clear and coherent manner
- ability to express opinions and ideas persuasively in both oral and written formats

It is important to enhance and diversify your skills and knowledge with work, volunteer, research and field study experiences while in university.

EXAMPLES OF CAREER PATHS HISTORY GRADUATES HAVE PURSUED:

History graduates can pursue a variety of career paths, including those that might not seem to have a direct connection to history at first glance. The following is a non-exhaustive list of some examples:

DIRECT career paths: The skills and knowledge acquired in a history education are often required or considered an asset in the following positions.	LESS DIRECT career paths: The generic skills and knowledge obtained in a liberal arts education are pertinent in the following positions.	The following paths may require FURTHER STUDY or SPECIALIZED TRAINING* in addition to a Bachelor of Arts in history.
Archivist Assistants help gather, sort and organize historical information and artifacts in preparation for public sharing. They work for cultural agencies or information management units.	Alumni Affairs Coordinators coordinate services and communications to alumni to keep them connected to their alma mater. They work for educational institutions.	Art Conservators study environmental effects on artifacts. They plan, coordinate and participate in the preservation and conservation of cultural and artistic works and properties. They work in government agencies, universities, museums, galleries and archives.
Art & Heritage Educators help visitors understand and appreciate the exhibits through stories, tours and activities. They work in historic sites, museums and parks.	Donor Relations Officers build and maintain relationships with donors to support the operations and services of non-profit organizations.	Constitutional Lawyers research, analyze, and interpret laws and regulations as they relate to Canada's constitution; advise government, corporations and individuals on constitutional matters; and represent clients in litigation. They work for law firms, government agencies, NGOs, and other agencies.
First Nations/Metis research associates work with government agencies, corporations and first nation communities to conduct research on issues affecting indigenous communities and their relationship to government, corporate and community agencies. They are usually employed on a contract basis.	Educational Sales Representatives liaise with educational institutions or school districts to identify needs and coordinate sales of books and other educational materials. They typically work for publishers.	Heritage Consultants assess current facilities and provide recommendations for conservation or restoration efforts. They work mostly on a contract or a project basis.
Radio/Television Historical Consultants advise producers on the historical accuracy of radio and television programming's visual elements and content. They work for consulting agencies, media production companies or broadcasting stations.	Foreign Service Officers work in diplomatic offices in countries around the world providing advice to the Canadian government on foreign policy matters and acting on behalf of Canada abroad.	<i>*NOTE: Qualifications for similar jobs might vary depending on the employer. Try checking with the employer(s) you're interested in working for to see what they require and recommend in terms of education and/or experience.</i>

<p>Visitor Experience Supervisors recruit, train and schedule interpreters, and coordinate and implement special programming to enhance the visitor experience. They work in historic sites, museums and parks.</p>	<p>Volunteer Coordinator/Managers recruit, train, mentor and manage volunteers for various events and projects at non-profit organizations.</p>	
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WANT MORE INFORMATION? CHECK OUT THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

Available in MacEwan University Libraries:

- Great Jobs for History Majors – *Stephen E. Lambert & Julie DeGalan*

Additional Resources (Available Online):

- Active History
- Alberta Museums Association
- Canadian Historical Association
- Canadian Council of Archives
- H-Canada
- NiCHE: Network in Canadian History and Environment
- Canadian Heritage Information Network
- Canadian Museums Association (CMA)
- Culture Works Association of Canadian Archivists
- Canadian Association for Conservation of Cultural Property
- Canadian Association of Professional Conservators
- Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals

WANT TO DISCUSS YOUR OPTIONS WITH SOMEONE?

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