

Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, to name a few. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a **wide variety of career paths.**

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an **incredibly versatile set of more general skills:** to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, **History majors** offer an array of skills which are **highly valued by employers** from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it requires you to be more *proactive* in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. The top five critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
- Ability to find and process information
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize

You have undoubtedly developed these skills while studying at UW.

JOB SKILLS RELATED TO MAJORING IN HISTORY

Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that employers value:

Read/interpret/synthesize complex material
See situations from multiple perspectives
Produce well-balanced, persuasive writing
Design and implement engaging presentations
Understand nuance and subtlety
Comprehend long-term trajectories
Conduct thorough, conscientious research
Handle ambiguity adeptly
Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving
Understand the broader context
Gather, analyze, organize, interpret data
Link abstract concepts to practical applications
Understand human nature & its variations
Interrogate the validity of information sources

Think globally and locally
Understand power dynamics, inequality, agency
Identify issues and target them for improvement
Identify and examine implications
Propose and support recommendations
Simultaneously see big picture and details
Engage intellectual curiosity
Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative
Work well individually and on teams
Understand & appreciate cultural diversity
Understand how data can be interpreted in multiple ways
Explore social, cultural, scientific implications
And many more

CONSIDER JOBS IN ALL THREE OF THESE CATEGORIES:

1. History major is *required or preferred* and the job's *primary* responsibilities directly relate to your major
2. Your major is *required or preferred* but the job's *primary* responsibilities aren't directly related to History
3. Your major *isn't required or preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified

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History Teacher (many)

Museum Technician-History (National Archives and Records Administration)

Museum Specialist - History (Clinton Presidential Library)

Curator of History (State of Montana)

History Tutor (Grades 6—8), Tutor Institute (Harlem Children's Zone)

Associate Producer, *BackStory with the American History Guys* (University of Virginia)

Historian (Department of the Air Force)

Historical Research Internship (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas)

Heritage Technician (Presidio Trust, U.S. Government)

Indexing Intern-Church History Department

AP World History Tutor

2. History is *Required or Preferred* but job's *primary* responsibilities aren't directly related to your major

Digital Projects Manager (The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History)

Program Associate (Historic Hudson Valley)

Liaison Specialist (Veterans History Project, Library of Congress)

Museum Technician-History (National Park Service)

Manager, Public Relations (Hammer Museum)

Administrative Coordinator, Curatorial Department (Hammer Museum)

Communications Assistant (Civil War Trust)

Webmaster (Civil War Trust)

Museum Educator (Museum of Jewish Heritage)

Production/Archival Coordinator (The HistoryMakers)

Tour Manager (Wing Luke Museum)

Education Manager (Historic Hudson Valley)

Museum Gallery Interpreter (The Tech Museum)

Associate Director for Continuing Education (New-York Historical Society)

LGBT History Month Coordinator (Equality Forum)

Trainee PPC Analyst (Forward3D)

Family History Intern (Ancestry.com)

Summer Education Intern (VA Museum of Natural History)

3. Your major *isn't required or preferred* but your other transferable skills make you highly qualified:

Associate Account Strategist, SMB Sales, University Graduate (Google), Service Coordinator (Choice Program), Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases), Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute), Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center), Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies), Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds), Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living), Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress), Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington), City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County), Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners), Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine), Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education), Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education), Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing), Immigration Assistant/Receptionist (Law Firm), Marketing Coordinator (Yext), Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM), Executive Team Leader (Target), Marketing Assistant (University Enterprises)

More: Project Manager, Social Media Campaign Developer, Policy and Advocacy Specialist, FBI/CIA Agent

These represent just a few examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!