

HISTORY

What can I do with this degree?

AREAS

EMPLOYERS

STRATEGIES

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

Broadcast
 Print

News department of local public and commercial radio and TV stations
 Syndicated radio services
 Newspapers
 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

Teaching

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.

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(Non-classroom Education)	Museums Zoological parks, aquariums, wildlife refuges and bird sanctuaries Aboretums, gardens and conservatories Camps National and State Parks	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 "expert" in a particular subject.
<u>NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS</u>	History museums and historic sites Historical associations and societies Cultural heritage organizations Historical projects Research and service institutions	Get experience as a volunteer in nonprofit organizations that interest you.
<u>LAW</u> Paralegal Lawyer	Law firm Corporate legal department Government agencies Public advocacy groups	Obtain paralegal training or law degree. Find summer/part-time work in a law firm. Volunteer with a public advocacy group.
<u>CURATORIAL AND ARCHIVAL MANAGEMENT</u>	Museums Historical homes Art galleries Special collections Historical societies Libraries Universities and colleges National, state & local governments Corporations Non-profit organizations Research institutes	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.
<u>RETAILING/SALES</u> Management Buying Selling	All major retail firms including : drug, specialty, variety and department store chains Wholesalers Manufacturers Insurance firms Real Estate agencies	Obtain related experience through part-time or summer retail positions with campus yearbook or newspaper selling advertisement space. Seek leadership roles in campus organizations.