

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN HISTORY ?

Facts about a history degree:

- *The study of history provides essential background for many disciplines and professions where research and communication skills are important.*
- *The U. of Manitoba Department of History includes specialists in intellectual, cultural, social, medieval, Aboriginal, women's and international history.*
- *History can also be a teachable subject. Graduates with a B.Education can teach in a classroom or work as Education Coordinators in the institutions mentioned on the next page.*
- *A strong working knowledge of a second language can enhance employability and is useful for work in the cultural resource management sector.*

*What you do with your bachelor's degree is often strongly dependent on the skills you gain from work and volunteer experiences.

SKILLS POSSESSED BY HISTORY GRADUATES

Many employers are interested in the skills which history majors tend to possess. These include:

- research and communication skills
- skills in writing carefully reasoned reports and essays
- knowledge of the history of various geographical areas and time periods
- awareness of long-term impacts of social, economic and political decisions
- reading and thinking critically; developing an analytical argument
- understanding and ability to interpret the present and past

SAMPLE JOB TITLES FOR HISTORY GRADUATES

Educational program director (museum/living history site)
Archivist assistant
Conservation/restoration technician
Historical preservation planner
Historical projects coordinator
Volunteer coordinator (museum, living history site, art gallery)
Historical museum administrative assistant
Genealogical assistant
History writer
Foreign service officer
Historic site information officer
Historical tour guide/operator
Legislative assistant
Antique dealer
Historic interpreter
Historical research assistant
Site Manager - historic site

Policy/program analyst
Survey assistant
Heritage assistant
Community relations specialist

Interested in History? Consider these options, too!*

Museum Curator
Art Conservator
Archivist
Journalist
Public Relations/Affairs Officer
Librarian
City/Regional Planner
Teacher
Lawyer
Professor

** These occupations require additional education and/or training. To make sure you know the qualifications and requirements, drop-in to see a Career Advisor at 474 University Centre.

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT: (this list is not exhaustive)

National historic parks/Visitor Centres	Museums
Historic sites	Archives
Travel agencies	Libraries
Research foundations	Art Galleries
Historical societies / associations	Magazines / newspapers
Antique collectible shops	Universities/Colleges/Schools
Heritage / cultural agencies	Government departments (all levels)
International / multinational agencies	Historic projects
Cultural resource management agencies	Genealogical services
Small businesses / self-employment (i.e. historical tour company)	Preservation / restoration services
	Military (historical research branches)

Want More Information? Check these websites!

Check our website at: www.umanitoba.ca/student/careerservices

- Click on “**Job Postings and Volunteer Opportunities**” and register as a **Student** to view current job postings

National Occupational Classification—www23.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca

University of Manitoba—Faculty of Arts—Department of History
www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/arts/departments/history

Manitoba Historical Society—www.mhs.mb.ca/

Association of Manitoba Museums—www.museumsmanitoba.com/

Canada’s National History Society— www.historysociety.ca/

Canada’s Historical Association—www.cha-shc.ca

University of Toronto Mississauga Career Centre—Careers By Major: History
www.utm.utoronto.ca/careers/cbm/historical_studies.html

Victoria University of Wellington— New Zealand
www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/careers/Resources/career_publications/career_view/history.pdf

American Historical Association -<http://www.historians.org/pubs/Free/careers/index.htm>

For more information on occupational, educational and employment options, please drop by Career Services, 474 University Centre, 474-9456.