

Career Fact Sheet BA History & BA Humanities

A liberal arts degree in History or Humanities opens doors to careers in a variety of areas. Only a small percentage of History and Humanities majors will go on to get their doctoral degrees and teach at universities. Instead, many majoring in these areas will go on to careers in business, government, law, education, military service, writing and libraries.

The study of History and Humanities develops skills critical to a large number of career fields. These qualities include:

- Greater understanding of the present through study of the past
- Awareness of people from other cultures and the influence of culture on behaviors
- Solving problems through analysis and the ability to clearly explain the results
- Effective written and oral communication skills
- Highly proficient reading and questioning skills
- Interdisciplinary thinking and intellectual curiosity
- Ability to compare and synthesize theories
- Development and defense of an argument/position

Make the most of your major:

- Explore careers early in your degree
- Develop a minor
- Select a double major
- Complete an internship
- Volunteer
- Join professional organizations
- Network/use your connections and informational interviews
- Become involved in a college club/organization
- Attend internship and career fairs
- Schedule informational interviews
- Study abroad
- Work as a researcher
- Participate in undergraduate research opportunities

Sample Career Possibilities

- Archivist
- Business administrator
- Clergy
- Congressional aide
- Editor
- Federal and state officials
- Historian
- Historic preservation specialist
- Journalist
- Law
- Librarian
- Lobbyist
- Museum curator
- Public relations
- Researcher
- Teacher/college professor

This Career Fact Sheet and active links can be found through the UNIVERSITY of NEW HAMPSHIRE at MANCHESTER Career Services website.

University of New Hampshire and General Resources:

Occupational Outlook Handbook on-line

www.bls.gov/oco | The US Department of Labor resource describes what workers do on-the-job, work environment, training and educational qualifications, earnings and expected job outlook for a wide variety of occupations.

Wildcat Careers

<http://www.unh.edu/uacc/careeradvising.html> | Wildcat Careers via the University of New Hampshire University Advising and Career Center website. Scroll down and click on the Wildcat Careers Login Box (First time users need to register).

University of New Hampshire at Manchester: Internships

www.unhm.unh.edu/internships

University of New Hampshire at Manchester: What Can I Do With A Major In...?

www.unhm.unh.edu/counseling/career/

Vault.com

<http://www.library.unh.edu/researchtools/databases/databases.asp?search=UVWXYZ>

“The best place on the Web to prepare for a job search.”

History and Humanities Resources:

American Association for State & Local History

www.aaslh.org

American Association for State and Local History Jobs on Line

www.aaslh.org/jobsonline.htm

American Historical Association: Careers for Students of History

www.historians.org/pubs/careers/Index.htm

American Association of Museums Job Center

www.aam-us.org/aviso/index.cfm

American Historical Association

www.historians.org

Cultural Commons

www.culturalcommons.org/jobs.cfm | Center for Art and Culture

H-Net Job Guide

www.h-net.org/jobs | Academic positions in History and Humanities

National Trust for Historic Preservation

www.nationaltrust.org

NCPH Job Listings and Resources

www.ncph.org | National Council on Public History

New England Museum Association, Jobs on Line

www.nemanet.org/nemajobs.htm

OAH Job Listings Online

www.oah.org/announce/jobs.html | Organization of American Historians

Public History Resource Center

www.publichistory.org

Society of American Archivists

www.archivists.org | Careers and on-line Employment Bulletin



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