



HISTORY ROUTES

SUBJECT PATHWAYS

CAREERS

Many careers directly related to history require higher education - and sometimes postgraduate - qualifications. They include:

- Conservation officer
- Curator / collections manager
- Heritage manager
- Museums director
- Museums education officer
- Museum / gallery exhibition officer
- History teacher / lecturer

There are other jobs where history is useful although there may be other entry requirements too. They include:

- Antiques dealer
- Archaeologist
- Architect
- Archivist
- Arts administrator
- Auctioneer / valuer
- Barrister
- Broadcast journalist
- Commissioning editor
- Conservation worker
- Costume designer
- Diplomatic service officer
- Editorial assistant
- Exhibition designer
- Furniture restorer
- Journalist
- Politician's assistant
- Prop maker
- Schools' liaison worker
- Solicitor
- Stone mason
- Tourist guide

SKILLS

Studying History can also help you develop wider skills such as:

- Analytical
- Communication
- Critical thinking
- IT
- Independent thinking
- Negotiation
- Organising
- Problem solving
- Research
- Time management
- Understanding other points of view

These skills are needed for many jobs at different levels and with a range of entry routes, including apprenticeships and higher education. Here's a selection:

- Advertising account executive
- Barrister's clerk
- Bookseller
- Bookings assistant
- Careers adviser
- Care worker
- Copywriter
- Customer service assistant
- Digital marketing officer
- Events manager
- Fundraiser
- Information officer
- Legal executive / paralegal
- Librarian / library assistant
- Licensed conveyancer
- Marketing manager / assistant
- Police officer
- Public affairs consultant (lobbyist)
- Public relations (PR) officer
- Recruitment consultant
- Registrar
- Retail buyer
- Retail manager / assistant
- Social media assistant
- Social worker
- Tax adviser
- Telephone sales assistant
- Travel agent
- Volunteer coordinator
- Web content manager
- Web developer / writer

DID YOU KNOW?

Former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Jeremy Kyle, Sacha Baron Cohen, Michael Palin and several former US presidents all studied history at university!

ROUTES

There are different routes into many careers, including full time study, apprenticeships (including degree and higher apprenticeships) and higher education.

You may need other subjects alongside history, such as English and maths (which are needed for most jobs) foreign languages and, in some cases, sciences.

The cultural heritage sector (covering museums, historic buildings, archeological sites etc) employs staff with a range of knowledge and talents, including technical, business and PR skills. Many museums and heritage organisations run volunteer programmes where you can gain work experience and develop contacts. (See 'Other websites'.) There are also apprenticeships and traineeships in the sector, although they may not be locally based.

FIND OUT MORE

For more job ideas, visit nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/youngpeople then follow links to 'Aged 13-19' and 'Do something you're good at'.

If you're thinking about higher education, visit: www.prospects.ac.uk to see what art and design graduates have done after their degree.

Other websites

ccskills.org.uk

creativeskillset.org

sheffieldfutures.org.uk

ucasprogress.com

ucas.com

icould.com

museumsassociation.org/careers

nationaltrust.org.uk/join-and-get-involved

english-heritage.org.uk/support-us/volunteer

simt.co.uk/get-involved