

Possible Occupations		Potential Employers		Skills To Develop & How To Gain Experience		
Business	Banking Consulting Management Office Administration Sales	All major retail firms including drug, specialty, variety, and department stores Consulting companies Financial institutions Insurance companies Manufacturers and wholesalers Nonprofit organizations Real estate agencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider an MBA for brand management, consulting, and research opportunities. Consider obtaining a business minor Gain experience as financial officer or treasurer of a campus organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain experience through Marriot school internships Join related professional associations. Join student professional associations. Secure leadership roles in campus organizations. Take basic business classes such as accounting and finance. 	
Curatorial & Archival Management	Art galleries Corporations Historical homes Historical societies Libraries	Museums National, state, and local government Research institutes Special collections	Community organizations Consulting organizations Government agencies Information brokers Non-profit agencies	Private industry Public opinion research polls Research institutes Universities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire strong computer knowledge and experience. Develop excellent written and oral communication skills. Earn a master's degree in Museum Studies or Historic Preservation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hone organizational skills and develop attention to detail. Obtain an internship or volunteer in a related organization.
Education	Community Education Education Administration Elementary, Middle, or Secondary Higher Education Teaching Library/Information Student Affairs	Arboretums, gardens, and conservatories Camps Colleges and universities Libraries Museums National and state parks Private learning centers Public and private schools Zoological parks, aquariums, wildlife refuges, and bird sanctuaries		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become an "expert" in a particular subject. Earn a graduate degree to teach in post-secondary institutions. Gain volunteer experience. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn how to develop educational curriculums and workshops. Obtain dual certification to increase job opportunities. Research experience is vital for higher education employment. 	
Government	Auditor of government programs Budget analyst City management Economic development specialist Legislative research Lobbying	Federal agencies: The Smithsonian Institute National Archives and Records Library of Congress National Park Service Intelligence services Foreign service	State and local agencies: Archives and libraries Arts and humanities councils Museums Historic sites Municipal archives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become familiar with specialized government hiring procedures. Complete an internship with a government agency. Consider a variety of entry-level positions in all branches of government. Develop foreign language skills as well as foreign travel experiences. Gain relevant experience in student government or other related organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gain volunteer experience. Get a Civic Engagement Minor Get a Master of Public Administration. Plan on obtaining an advanced degree in political science, public administration, or public policy for advancement. Supplement curriculum with business courses. 	
Journalism	Broadcast Print	National, state, and regional radio networks News departments of local, public, and commercial radio & TV stations Newspapers Syndicated radio services		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider obtaining a minor or double major in communication. Enhance social media skills. Find summer or part-time work with local commercial TV or radio station. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer with local newspapers, public TV or radio. 	
Non-profit Organizations	Economic Development International Development	Cultural heritage organizations Historical associations and societies History museums and historic sites Research and service institutions		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider supplementing curriculum with relevant course work in anthropology, sociology, art history, or foreign languages. Get a minor in non-profit management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer with various nonprofit organizations of interest. 	
Law	Judge Law Management Lawyer Paralegal	Corporate legal departments Government agencies Law firms Public service agencies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend law school and earn a law degree to become an attorney. Become skillful in debate and public speaking. Complete special training requirements for paralegal positions. Consider a logic or writing minor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Obtain research and writing experience. Obtain summer or part-time work in a law firm. Organize campus events, speakers, or political rallies. 	
Politics	Campaign Management Elected or Appointed Leadership Public consulting Special Interest Advocacy Staff Administration	Elected or appointed public officials i.e., legislators, governors, or mayors National political party headquarters Political campaigns Public interest/advocacy groups		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be prepared to begin a political career as a volunteer before moving to full-time or paid positions. Gain experience and make contacts through internships. Obtain leadership roles in campus organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in student government and campus politics. Volunteer to work with public interest groups, political campaigns, political associations, or community service projects. 	

STRATEGIES FOR PLACEMENT IN HISTORY

- If considering pursuing another career such as psychology, law, business or medicine, research the prerequisites of your field of choice and tailor your program of study to meet curricular and skill needs.
- Part-time, summer, internship, and volunteer experiences are critical.
- Develop skills by obtaining a leadership role in a school or community organization.
- Get involved in student government.
- Become familiar with the government application process for opportunities in federal, state, or local government.
- Prepare to develop a specialty area including both academic training and work experience for history related careers.
- For careers in arts and humanities, obtain a broad liberal arts background including knowledge of the arts, personal and mass communication, and foreign languages.
- Join related social and/or professional organizations.

INTERNET RESOURCES

- **American History Association-**
<http://www.historians.org/pubs/free/careers>
- **Organization of American Historians-**
<http://www.oah.org/about/faq/careers.html>
- **The Natural History Honor Society-**
<http://phialphatheta.org/>
- **The Thetean-**
<https://history.byu.edu/Pages/Thetean.aspx>

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Alumni Career Website
<http://alumnicareers.byu.edu>

History Department
2130 JFSB (801)422-4335
<http://fhssadv.byu.edu>

Pre-Professional Advisement
3328 WSC (801) 422-3044
<https://ppa.byu.edu>

University Career Services
2410 WSC (801) 422-6535
<http://ucs.byu.edu>



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options inside the field of:

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