

## What You Can Do With a Major In... **History**

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Historians research, analyze and interpret the past. They use many sources of information in their research, including government and institutional records, newspapers, and other periodicals, photographs, interviews, films, and unpublished manuscripts such as personal diaries, and letters. Historians usually specialize in a country or region; a particular time period; or a particular field, such as social, intellectual, political, or diplomatic history. Biographers specialize in writing about the life of an individual and genealogists specialize in family histories. Curators work for a museum, special library, or historical society and archivists help study and preserve archival materials, artifacts, and historic buildings and sites.

The University of South Florida St. Petersburg offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and a Master of Liberal Arts in Florida Studies which features a number of graduate history seminars. Accomplished history majors are attractive to all kinds of employers in any number of fields, as well as to graduate and professional schools. USF history alumni can be found in such diverse professions as law, medicine, business, government, Foreign Service, politics, and education.

Please see the undergraduate catalog and visit the Department of History website for more information.

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### Professional Organizations:

American Historical Association

[www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)

Organization of American Historians

[www.oah.org](http://www.oah.org)

American Association for State and Local History

[www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)

American Studies Association

[www.theasa.net](http://www.theasa.net)

**Visit USFSP Florida Studies Program**

[http://www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/florida\\_studies/index.htm](http://www.stpt.usf.edu/coas/florida_studies/index.htm)

## **Areas of Concentration:**

Government

Politics

Law

Nonprofit Organizations

Curatorial and Archival Management

Journalism

Broadcast; Print

Education

Teaching (Elementary, Middle, Secondary, Higher Education);  
Community Education

Business

Management; Sales; Office Administration

## **Possible Employment Settings:**

Federal Agencies	State Agencies	Municipal Archives
Arts and Humanities	Councils	Commissions
Legislator Office	Governor Office	Mayor Office
Political Campaigns	TV Station	Newspaper
Magazine	Publisher	Public/Private Schools
Universities	Law firm	Corporate offices

## **Possible Occupational Opportunities:**

Anthropologist	Antique Dealer	Archeologist
Architectural Drafter	Archivist	Architectural Historian
Art Appraiser	Art Restorer	Art Conservator
Auctioneer	Author	Bank Manager
Collections Manager	Critic (Book, Film)	Demographer
Comm. Service Manager	Curator	Editor
Document Restorer	Environmental Ed.	FBI/CIA Agent
Folk Artist	Folklorist	Genealogist
Geographer	Gerontologist	High School Teacher
Historian	Journalist	Information Specialist
Historical Consultant	Lawyer	Museum Guide
Market Research Analyst	Political Scientist	Travel Guide
Professor	Reporter	Research Assistant
Writer	Sociologist	Research Writer
Researcher	Park Ranger	Volunteer Coordinator

## **Career Exploration Websites:**

Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH)

[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)

O\*NET Dictionary of Occupational Titles

[www.online.onetcenter.org/](http://www.online.onetcenter.org/)

Career Guide to Industries

[www.bls.gov/oco/cg](http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg)

## **Job Search Websites:**

The #1 Entry Level Job Website

[www.collegegrad.com](http://www.collegegrad.com)

Federal Positions

[www.usajobs.com](http://www.usajobs.com)

Museum Employment Resource Center

[www.museum-employment.com](http://www.museum-employment.com)

Websites for History Profession

[www.oah.org/announce/links.html](http://www.oah.org/announce/links.html)