HISTORICAL STUDIES

This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand that some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

DESCRIPTION OF HISTORICAL STUDIES

Historical Studies explores worlds, times, places, and cultures and encourages us to accurately produce accounts of the past through research as well as to interpret the past in the context of our own time. By studying history, you are also exploring national and global issues of diversity, politics, and social values. You should expect to develop outstanding skills in analysis, written and oral communication, cultural understanding, and the interpretation of events and ideas. With a bachelor’s degree in Historical Studies, you can pursue entry level positions in government, archives, education, publishing, journalism, historic preservation, business, research, and museum work (just to name a few). Likewise, you can continue your education in graduate programs to study business, law, administration, government, religious studies, medicine, or a number of fields in the fine arts and humanities. Because the Historical Studies degree can lead you to down many different career paths, it is important to identify an area of interest and take the initiative to develop the appropriate skills, experience, and credentials to enter your chosen field.

MARKETABLE SKILLS

- **Research**—Ability to analyze and gather information from a variety of sources
- **Creative Problem Solving**—Ability to look at problems in a different way and come up with unique solutions
- **Writing**—Ability to express thoughts and options in a clear and technical manner
- **Interpersonal**—Ability to communicate effectively with people from various backgrounds

POSSIBLE INTERNSHIPS

C2 Art Advisors, Research Assistant Intern  
City of Carrollton, Museum Education Intern  
Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer Coordinator Intern  
Dallas Jewish Community Foundation, Proofreader/Writer Intern  
Fujitsu, Courseware Developer Intern  
Legacy Counseling Center, Programs Intern  
Liberty Mutual Insurance, Underwriting for

Commercial Insurance  
National Center for Border Security and Immigration at UTEP: Homeland Security Intern  
National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA), Media/Communications Intern  
Santander Consumer USA, HR Intern  
State Farm, Administrative Services Intern in Library Sciences  
Wolf Trap, Government Affairs Intern

POSSIBLE JOB TITLES

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POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS

Aetna Inc.  George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum  Southwest Airlines
AmeriCorps  Interstate Batteries, Inc.  State Farm
AT&T  JP Morgan Chase  The Center for American and International Law
Audubon Texas  Lanyon Solutions  The Dallas Morning News
City of Dallas  North Central Texas Council of Governments [NCTCOG]
Cultural Awareness International (CAI)  Northwestern Mutual  The Greenlining Institute
D Magazine  Parkland Health & Hospital System  The Smithsonian Institute
Dallas Historical Society  Pioneer Natural Resources USA  The White House
Dallas Museum of Art  Plano ISD  Toyota
DFW International Airport  Public Broadcasting System  TXU Energy
Federal Government  United Commercial Realty
Frontier Communications  United Nations  UT Dallas

EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES

CometCareers  Bridgespan Nonprofit Job Board
GettingHired  Copyediting
Indeed.com  Museum Employment Resource Center
Idealist.org  New Pages
USAJobs.gov  The Write Jobs

PROFESSIONAL INDUSTRY RESOURCES

American Association for State and Local History  Creative Organizations in DFW
American Historical Association  Public Relations Society of America
American Planning Association  Society for Historical Archaeology
Association of American Publishers  Society for Technical Communication

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS / CAMPUS RESOURCES

Alpha Phi Omega  Student Government
Club Improv  Student Leadership Programs
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society  Student Media
Real Estate Club  Student Union & Activities Advisory Board [SUAAB]
Pride at UTD  Veteran Services Center

CAREER READINESS – CORE COMPETENCIES EMPLOYERS SEEK

Career readiness is the attainment and demonstration of requisite competencies that broadly prepare college graduates for a successful transition into the workplace. Take time to intentionally develop and demonstrate these competencies in your classes, projects, volunteerism, campus involvement, PT jobs and internships.

- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Oral/Written Communication
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Digital Technology
- Leadership
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Career Management
- Global/Intercultural Fluency