

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 any 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 view problems from many angles and develop unique, comprehensive solutions
- **Writing**—Ability to express thoughts clearly, persuasively, and in a professional manner
- **Interpersonal**—Ability to communicate effectively with people from various political and cultural backgrounds

POSSIBLE INTERNSHIPS

C2 Art Advisors, Research Assistant Intern	Commercial Insurance
City of Carrollton, Museum Education Intern	National Center for Border Security and Immigration at UTEP: Homeland Security Intern
Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer Coordinator Intern	National Center for Policy Analysis (NCPA), Media/Communications Intern
Dallas Jewish Community Foundation, Proofreader/Writer Intern	Santander Consumer USA, HR Intern
Fujitsu, Courseware Developer Intern	State Farm, Administrative Services Intern in Library Sciences
Legacy Counseling Center, Programs Intern	Wolf Trap, Government Affairs Intern
Liberty Mutual Insurance, Underwriting for	

POSSIBLE JOB TITLES

Archivist	Foreign Service Agent	Librarian
Broadcaster	Fundraiser	Market Researcher
Business Analyst	Grant Writer	Operations Manager
Campaign Worker	Historic Preservationist	Politician
Career Counselor	Human Resources Coordinator	Professor
Community Affairs Specialist	Information Specialist	Project Manager
Congressional Aide	International Relations Officer	Public Relations Specialist
Copywriter	Interpreter / Translator	Publisher
Documentarian	Journalist	Real Estate Agent
Editorial Assistant	Lawyer	Research Analyst
Environmental Planner	Legislative Analyst	Social Worker

POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS

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

EMPLOYMENT WEBSITES

CometCareers	Bridgespan Nonprofit Job Board
GettingHired	LinkedIn.com – Recent Graduates
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

RESEARCHING JOB TITLES & CAREERS

Careeronestop	O*Net
Employers of History Majors	Occupational Outlook Handbook
Federal Occupations by College Major	Quintessential Careers

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS / CAMPUS RESOURCES

Alpha Phi Omega	Real Estate Club
Club Improv	Student Government
Military and Veteran Center	Student Leadership Programs
Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society	Student Media
Pride at UTD	Student Union & Activities Advisory Board (SUAAB)

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