HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
academic & career ADVISING CENTER

Career Guide: History

If you think **history** is simply a record of names and dates, think again. Historians examine the complex ideas behind events of the past to help us understand the present and chart a more successful future. In a dynamic and ever-changing world, they are our modern-day guides.

At Humboldt State, we prepare our students with all the tools of the historian: critical thinking, high-tech research, project development, and excellent writing and presentation skills. Many students in our program continue their studies at some of the best graduate schools in the country. Others become outstanding primary or secondary teachers of history or social studies. But those choices are only the beginning. The study of history can help prepare you for exciting careers in business, law, government, journalism, publishing, politics, historical preservation, museum management or curatorship, military officer, archive management and much more.

Related Job Titles

The following list is not meant to be all inclusive; many other job alternatives and titles may exist. Many of the job titles listed require further education.

- Research/Preservation
- Archivist/Archives Admin.
- Foreign Service Officer
- Museum Curator
- Editor
- Publisher
- Journalist
- Public Relations Coordinator
- Public Opinion Pollster
- Pre-Law, Legal Professions
- Technical Writer
- Teacher
- Historic Sites Supervisor
- Faculty/Researcher
- Policy Analyst
- CIA/FBI/Secret Service, etc...
- Public Administration
- Politician/Campaign Worker
- College Administration
- Customs Officer
- Market Research Analyst
- Docent/Tour Guide
- Exhibit Preparation Coordinator
- Non Profit Management
- Community Outreach Coordinator
- Grant Writer
- Public Information Coordinator
- Research/Advisor (TV/Film/media)
- Sales/Marketing Representative
- Customer Service Representative
- Insurance Agent
- Human Resource Management
- Underwriter

Possible Employers

Federal/National Programs

Cultural Affairs Agencies
Department of State
National Parks
Archives
Bureau of Land Management
Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
Peace Corps
AmeriCorps
Museums and Historical Sites
US Census Bureau
Offices of Elected Officials
Bureau of Labor Statistics

Private:

Historic Societies
Historic Sites
Museums
Marketing Firms
Advertising Agencies
Public Relations Firms
Non-Profit Organizations/NGO's
Law Firms
Print and Broadcast Media
Archives
Publishers
Libraries
Travel Agencies
Community Outreach Programs
Insurance Companies
International Corporations
Campaigns/Lobbying Firms
Public Interest Advocacy Groups
Private Companies/Corporations
Film Companies
Think Tanks/Policy Centers

State, County & Local Agencies:

Public Relations/Media Departments
Colleges and Universities
Community Outreach Organizations
Parks & Recreation Departments
Museums/Archives, Historical Sites
Offices of Elected Officials
Office of Education/School Boards
Offices dealing with Policy
Risk Management
Social Services Organizations
Elections Offices
Libraries

A 4-year College Degree is designed to give you the **Top Skills** employers are looking for, According to the **National Association of Colleges and Employers,** those skills and abilities are:

- Effective Communication
- Working in a team structure
- Making decisions/solving problems
- Planning/organizing and prioritizing work
- Obtaining and processing information
- Analyzing quantitative data
- Proficiency with computers and software
- Creating and editing written reports
- Selling and influencing others

Marketable Skills In Your Major

Understanding Society

- Analyzing impact of problems on society
- Understanding Social, Geog., Cultural Circumstances
- Explaining the present by referring to the past
- Analyze policies, movements and trends

Communications

- Advanced verbal communication and writing skills
- Informing/explaining ideas
- Describing and evaluating issues/problems/events
- Observing people/data/things/reports

Research

- Finding & evaluating necessary information/sources
- Analyzing and compiling ideas & information
- Organizing materials/ideas

Project Development

- Developing/generating ideas and projects
- Planning & decision-making
- Organizing materials/information

Academic and Career Advising Center Services

Drop-In hours: Monday – Friday, 10 am – 1 pm : Quick academic and career advice and drop-in resume/cover letter review. Drop-ins are handy for the following types of services:

▪ Job Search Basics ▪ Basic DARS Review ▪ Quick Resume Review ▪ Declaring a Major/Major Change
▪ Adding a Minor ▪ Navigating HSU Handshake ▪ How to Use DARS Degree Planner ▪ Cover Letter Review

Academic and Career Advisors (Please call 707-826-3341 or visit Gist Hall 114 to make an appointment)
Our helpful team of academic and career advisors can help you get the most out of your college experience with the following and much more during an individual appointment:

▪ Academic Planning ▪ Full-time Job Search ▪ DARS Questions
▪ 4- Year Plans ▪ Major Change Advising ▪ GE Information
▪ Internship Search ▪ Federal Work Study ▪ Mock Interview
▪ Volunteer Opportunities ▪ Career Assessment ▪ Adding a Second Major
▪ Graduate School Application ▪ How to use DARS Degree Planner ▪Withdrawal or Transfer Advice
▪ Personal Statement

HSU Handshake (online job database and more!): Search for campus jobs, internships, summer jobs, community service, work-study, etc. Register for workshops and special events. Go to www.humboldt.edu/acac to register on HSU Handshake or call 707-826-3341 for assistance.

Events and Workshops (Contact us for more information!)

▪ Part-time Job Fair - *August*
▪ Graduate and Professional School Fair - *September*
▪ Internship Week - *February*
▪ Career & Volunteer Expo - *February*
▪ *Ready, Set, Register!* Semester Bulletin - *Fall/ Spring*
▪ Educator Fair - *March*
▪ How to Find Part-Time Jobs Workshop - *March*
▪ How to Find an Internship Workshop - *On-Going*
▪ Getting the Most out of Career Expo Workshop - *On-going*
▪ Research Graduate Schools Workshop - *February*
▪ Federal Resume & Application Open Labs - *Fall*
▪ How to Find Internships in Your Home Town Workshop - *Spring*

Looking for professional development opportunities for your on-campus club or organization?
▪ Request a Career Advisor to give a group presentation on subjects like resume development or job search.