



HISTORY

Program Objectives

History majors and minors at USM become familiar with past knowledge, the forces of change and the varieties of historical scholarship that examine cultures and events across all times and places. As they discover and organize facts, analyze evidence, and apply theory they learn to create meaningful explanations and narratives that support a well-rounded understanding of past human activity and its impact on the world of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

The USM History Major offers a wide range of courses and study options covering an array of specialties, such as U.S. History, Women's History, Latin American History, Ancient and Modern European History, East Asian History, Near Eastern History, and Religious History. Through introductory and advanced courses, students acquire a grounding in historical knowledge and possess the central core of an excellent liberal arts education, which may be used in numerous ways - as active citizens, in pursuing graduate school, and in various occupations.

Degrees & Concentrations Offered

Graduation Planner: usm.maine.edu/advising/degreeplanning

Degree Offered: Bachelor of Arts

Major Offered: BA in History, BA in History - History/Social Sciences
Teacher Education K-8 Certification Track, BA in History - History/Social
Studies Education 7-12 Teacher Certification Track, Minor in History

Minor Offered: History

Department of History

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Career Possibilities*

Archivists
Business
Campaign Management
City or Town Management
Communication
Community Affairs
Community Education
Curators
Education
Law
Law Enforcement
Legislative, Executive, or Judicial Services
Politics
Program Administration
Public Administration
Research
Social Services
Staff Administration

* Additional education, training or experience may be required.

Acquired Transferable Skills

Communication
Critical Thinking
Deductive Reasoning
Detail Oriented
Learning Strategies
Reading Comprehension
Speaking
Written Comprehension
Written Expression

For more information on transferable skills go to:
usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/career-tools

What can I do with this major?*

AREA	EMPLOYERS	INFORMATION/STRATEGIES
Local and State Government	Cities, counties, municipalities Libraries Museums, parks, historic sites Departments of State Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research your local/state government. • Develop network of contacts through referrals and informational interviews. • Complete an internship in a government agency. • Get involved in civic organizations and events.
Federal Government	Law enforcement Library of Congress Federal Bureau of Investigation National Archives and Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek leadership roles in relevant campus organizations such as model --United Nations, student government, and cross-cultural organizations. • Develop skills in computers, statistics, and data analysis. • Complete an internship with the federal government. • Acquire foreign language competency.
Politics	National, state, or local government Legislative, executive, or judicial officials Campaigns Lobbying organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become involved in campus political groups, student government, or student publications. • Gain experience and make contacts through internships with government agencies or legislatures. • Volunteer to work with public interest groups, political campaigns, or community service projects.
Law	Law firms Private Practice Corporations Nonprofit and public interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan on attending law school or a paralegal training school/program depending on area of interest. • Maintain a high grade point average and secure strong faculty recommendations. Prepare for the LSAT (Law School Admission Test).

*To learn about these areas and much more visit: whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major • © 2011 What Can I Do With This Major

Enrichment Opportunities

Internships

A variety of internship opportunities are available through the Department of History.

<https://usm.maine.edu/cecd>

Study Abroad

For more information contact the USM Office of International Programs.

usm.maine.edu/international/study-abroad

Clubs & Organizations

[History Student Association](#)

For a complete list of student organizations:

webapp.usm.maine.edu/pathways/list

USM Corporate Partners

The USM Corporate Partners are over 350 business people, from nearly 100 companies. usm.maine.edu/corporatepartners

Helpful Career Links

USMCareerConnections:

USM's career network for job and internship searches. usm.maine.edu/community-engagement-career-development/usmcareerconnections

O*NET OnLine:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with O*NET. onetonline.org

Occupational Outlook Handbook:

Learn more about a career opportunity by researching it with OOH. bls.gov/oooh

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS To name a few...

[American Historical Association](#)

[Organization of American Historians](#)

[National Council for History Education](#)

[American Association for State and Local History](#)

[American Alliance of Museums](#)

[The American Antiquarian Society](#)

[The Association of Ancient Historians](#)

The International Association of Asian Historians

[The Conference on Latin American History](#)



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