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## What can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts, History?

### Knowing What's Expected

History helps us understand the time, the culture, the attitudes and opinions of those involved and their relationship to what is happening to them.

If you major in history, you will study interpretation of people and their legacies, culture and humanities. You will collect facts and draw conclusions based on the evidence. French would be an asset in some positions.

### Transferable Skills

- ❖ Identify and predict trends and patterns
- ❖ Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- ❖ Critical thinking skills
- ❖ Proper and accurate record keeping skills
- ❖ Proficient interview skills and technique
- ❖ Detailed research skills
- ❖ Efficiency in oral and written presentation skills
- ❖ Must be willing to work well with other

### Your Choices

A History Major offers a broad background in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences. As a result, you may pursue occupations in sectors such as communications, culture, education, law, religion, social work, and administration.

\*\*Some of these occupations will require further education.

### Careers for History Majors

- ❖ Teaching
- ❖ Journalism
- ❖ Foreign Service
- ❖ Library and Information Studies
- ❖ Law
- ❖ Public Administration
- ❖ Public Relations
- ❖ Archival and Museum Work
- ❖ Government
- ❖ Art Historian
- ❖ Legislative Correspondent
- ❖ Political Editor
- ❖ Historic Site Administrator

### Necessary Skills

- ❖ Interact with diverse groups of people
- ❖ Researching skills
- ❖ Evaluate evidence and arguments to make
- ❖ Organizing
- ❖ Project Management
- ❖ Leadership skills

## What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (see-[www.mountstudents.ca](http://www.mountstudents.ca)) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

### Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well-informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Association of Canadian Archivists  
<http://archivists.ca>
- ❖ Canadian Library Association [www.cla.ca](http://www.cla.ca)
- ❖ Nova Scotia Barristers' Society [www.nsbs.ns.ca](http://www.nsbs.ns.ca)
- ❖ Canadian Historical Association  
[www.yorku.ca/research/cha/cha-sch.html](http://www.yorku.ca/research/cha/cha-sch.html)
- ❖ Association of Translators and Interpreters of Nova Scotia [www.atins.org](http://www.atins.org)

## Available Reference Materials

### *What to Do With Your Degree*

- ❖ What You Can Do with an Arts Degree
- ❖ Great Jobs for History Majors
- ❖ Careers for Scholars & Other Deep Thinkers

### *Occupation Information*

- ❖ Opportunities in Entertainment Careers
- ❖ Careers for Writers & Others Who Have a Way with Words
- ❖ Careers In Culture (Binders)
- ❖ [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com)

### *Directories*

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory
- ❖ Associations Canada
- ❖ Halifax Directory of Community Services

## Job Searching

### *Job Hunting Websites*

- ❖ [www.msvu.ca/careerplanning](http://www.msvu.ca/careerplanning)
- ❖ Government of Canada  
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Government of Nova Scotia  
[www.gov.ns.ca/psc/employ](http://www.gov.ns.ca/psc/employ)
- ❖ Canadian Security Intelligence Service  
[www.csis.gc.ca](http://www.csis.gc.ca)
- ❖ HRSDC (NS)  
[www.ns.hrdcdrhc.gc.ca/english/jobs.htm](http://www.ns.hrdcdrhc.gc.ca/english/jobs.htm)
- ❖ Workinfontet  
[www.ns.workinfontet.ca](http://www.ns.workinfontet.ca)

### **For More Information Visit:**

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