

Bachelor of Arts in History?



Know 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, employers will expect that you have studied the interpretation of people and their legacies, culture, and humanities as well as be able to collect facts and draw conclusions based on the evidence. French may also be an asset in some positions.

Transferable Skills

- Ability to identify and predict trends and patterns
- Interpersonal and communication skills
- Essential critical thinking skills
- Accurate record keeping skills
- Detailed research skills
- Efficiency in oral and written presentation skills
- Ability to work as a member of a team

What Employers Want to See

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 on-campus (for societies visit mountstudents.ca) or off-campus early in your degree, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

You can also build your Mount Co-Curricular Record (CCR) with these activities at msvu.ca/CCRP and present this official document to future employers.

Necessary Skills

- Ability to interact with diverse groups of people
- Leadership skills
- Proficient interview skills and technique
- Portfolio and Resume building skills

Where Can You Work?

The skills and knowledge you will gain as a History student will give you the flexibility and adaptability required in today's rapidly changing job-market. History graduates find careers in journalism, law, teaching at all levels, libraries and information management, archival administration, museums and public history, tourism, publishing and editing, social activism, government service, business and industry, in fact any future you want to follow. A history degree is also a great stepping stone for further education. Visit the Bachelor of Arts—History webpage for more information.

Possible Job Titles

- Archivist
- Editor
- Researcher
- Teacher
- Librarian
- Immigration/Foreign Service Officer
- Political Aide

What Can I Do with My Degree In...

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Where Can I Volunteer?

Volunteering provides a great opportunity to get involved in your field of study and make some great connections. Here are a few options for you to consider:

- Schools
- Art galleries and museums
- Historic Properties
- Libraries
- Student Societies
- Students Union

Visit msvu.ca/ccrp for more local organizations.

Online Job Resources

Many organizations will promote their job opportunities online. Visit the Job Search Resources page at msvu.ca/careerplanning for links to frequently used job boards.

Professional Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help you get connected, they also help keep you well informed of what's going on in the industry. Many also have student membership rates.

- Association of Canadian Archivists
archivists.ca
- Association of Translators & Interpreters of NS
atins.org
- Canadian Historical Association
cha-shc.ca
- Canadian Library Association
cla.ca
- Nova Scotia Barristers' Society
nsbs.ns.ca

MSVU Career Planning Services

At the Mount, we offer a variety of career related services, workshops, resources and opportunities for students. Whether you need help making a career decision, are looking for a job, or are wondering what you can do with your degree, we can help you plan a realistic career path and perform a successful job search.

Drop by Career Planning Services to book an appointment with a Career Counsellor, schedule a resume critique with a Career Assistant, or just explore our resources!



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