What can I do with a Major in **History**?

**The History Program at the University of Lethbridge**

History examines the past in order to provide an explanation of the present – how we got where we are and where we are potentially headed. The study of History provides a profound understanding of the present, human behaviours and actions, and cultural and ethical issues, as well as a sense of direction and identity.

Not only will History students learn about great leaders of the past, they will also learn what ordinary people believed and valued – how they lived, worshiped, worked, fought and died. Students will have the opportunity to take thematic and regional courses in Ancient, Medieval and Modern history from the geographic areas that shaped our world today.

History major can complete a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Arts and Science.

**Skills Developed**

- Capacity to Understand & Interpret Both the Past & Present
- Compare & Contrast Ideas & Information
- Critical Thinking
- Global Perspective
- Information Management
- Interpersonal
- Meet Deadlines
- Oral & Written Communication
- Organizational
- Present Ideas & Data Clearly
- Problem Solving
- Project Management
- Provide Relevant Perspectives
- Research
- Synthesize Complex Information
- Teamwork
- Understanding of Past Political & Social Processes
- Work Independently

**Work Environments**

A major in History provides an excellent foundation for law, management or education, as well as providing a wide variety of career options. History graduates may find employment in consulting firms, arts and cultural centres/organizations/museums, research or academic institutions, governmental organizations, law agencies, media companies, tourism companies, genealogy research firms, archaeology firms, publishing companies or non-governmental/non-profit organizations.

**Key Areas of Specialization:**
Canada, Europe, Latin America, United States, African-American History, Imperial & India, China, Aboriginal/Ethnic & Immigration History, History of Science, Intellectual History, Political History, Religious History, Social History, Gender & Sexuality, Digital History
Entry Level Job Titles

These jobs are normally intended for new graduates and require 0 to 2 years of experience. It is important to note that many entry level positions require some related experience or demonstrated ability to perform job-related tasks. Even those positions that do not require experience will still prefer an experienced candidate, if one is available.

- Admissions Counsellor/ Representative
- Admissions Specialist (College)
- Canadian Heritage Guide
- Community Connection & Youth Coordinator
- Curatorial Assistant
- Interpretive Tour Guide
- Junior Clerk
- Learning Centre Instructor
- Publication Coordinator
- Student Accessibility Tutor
- Student Data Clerk
- Student Recruitment Officer
- Student Services Coordinator
- Survey Assistant
- Travel Consultant

Note: The U of L offers various resources and programs to facilitate students in gaining work and volunteer experience. Find an entry level position on the CES job board or join the Management or Arts & Science Cooperative Education Programs. Summer jobs, part-time work, internship positions and volunteer experience help students to enhance their skillset and accumulate work experience for their future career.

Related Job Titles

These jobs generally require extensive, relevant work experience and/or further education.

- Acquisitions Editor
- Activist
- Antique Dealer
- Appraiser
- Archivist
- Art Historian
- Arts Administrator
- Bank Customer Services Representative
- Biographer
- Border Services Officer
- Business Administrator/ Manager
- Career Development Professional
- Chief Administrative Officer
- City Planner
- Civil Litigator
- Civil Service Agent
- Community Centre Director
- Community Development Coordinator
- Community Engagement Specialist
- Community Outreach Worker
- Community Program Manager
- Conservator
- Consumer Advocate
- Corporate Historian
- Corrections Officer
- Creative Writer
- Crime Prevention Coordinator
- Cultural Affairs Specialist
- Cultural Tour Guide
- Customs Broker
- Demographer
- Diplomat
- Diversity Officer
- Documentarian
- Documentary Editor
- Editor
- Educational Researcher
- Environmental Historian
- Exhibits Designer
- Foreign Affairs/Service Officer
- Foreign Correspondent
- Fundraiser
- Genealogical Researcher
- Genealogical Services Specialist
- Genealogist
- Government Administrator
- Governmental Diplomat
- Heritage Coordinator
- Heritage Interpreter
- Historian
- Historic Foundation Administrator
- Historic Site Administrator
- Historical Archaeologist
- Historical Documentation Specialist
- Historical Fiction Writer
- Historical Film Producer
- Historical Interpreter
- Historical Museum Administrative Assistant
- Historical Projects Coordinator
- Historical Researcher
- Human Resources Officer
- Immigration Officer
- Information Officer
- Institutional Researcher/Historian
- International Development Coordinator
Thinking Outside the Box: Other Possible Job Titles

On average, people change their careers three to five times in their lifetime. So, no matter what major you choose, you may still be interested in opportunities totally unrelated to your program of study. We encourage you to be open to all possibilities! Your undergraduate degree can be a springboard for other educational pursuits, and your transferable skills and experience can prepare you to work in a multitude of settings.

- Aboriginal Enhancement Support Worker
- Aboriginal Liaison Officer
- Advertising & Promotions Manager
- Advertising Copywriter
- Anthropologist
- Archaeologist
- Art Appraiser
- Art Dealer
- Bank Customer Services Representative
- Casting Director
- Child and Youth Worker
- Communications Specialist
- Computer Programmer
- Conservation Officer
- Consumer Credit Manager
- Curriculum Specialist
- Event Coordinator/Planner
- Events Manager & Fundraiser
- Financial Researcher
- Interfaith Minister
- Interpretive Naturalist
- Investment Advisor
- Judicial Clerk
- Land Agent
- Landscape Architect
- Lawyer
- Legal Assistant
- Legislative Aid
- Lexicographer
- Market Research Analyst
- Marketing Specialist
- Media Analyst
- Mediator/Conflict Resolution Specialist
- Paralegal
- Print Journalist
- Project Manager
- Promotions Manager
- Real Estate Agent
- Religious Worker
- Scriptwriter/Screenwriter
- Set Designer
- Settlement Worker
- Social Worker
- Speech Writer
- Speech-Language Assistant
- Stage Manager
- Sustainability Specialist
Useful Resources

Recommended websites to assist in exploring the field of History and its career opportunities.

Canadian Historical Association
http://www.cha-shc.ca/

Canadian Museums Association
http://www.museums.ca/

Canadian Heritage
http://www.pch.gc.ca/

Heritage Canada The National Trust
http://www.heritagecanada.org

Association of Canadian Archivists
http://archivists.ca

Canadian Heritage Information Network
http://www.rcip-chin.gc.ca/index-eng.jsp

Alberta Learning Information Services
Occupational Profile
Historian, Archivist

Galt Museum & Archives Lethbridge
http://www.galtmuseum.com/

Library & Archives Canada
http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/

Canadian International Council
http://opencanada.org

Canadian Council on Social Development
http://www.ccsd.ca

The Council of Canadian – Acting for Social Justice
http://www.canadians.org

Canadian Geographic
http://www.canadiangeographic.ca

Canada History
http://www.canadahistory.com

American Historical Association
http://www.historians.org

American Antiquarian Society
http://www.americanantiquarian.org

United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization
http://en.unesco.org

Campus Resources

Career & Employment Services (CES)
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/ces/

Career Counselling (Counselling Services)
http://www.uleth.ca/counselling/

Academic Advising
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/academic-advising

Native Student Advising
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/native-student-advising

Student Success Centre – Study Skills, Learning Strategies & Tutoring
http://www.uleth.ca/student-success-centre/

Accommodated Learning Centre
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/accommodated-learning-centre/

International Centre for Students
http://www.uleth.ca/international/

Registrar Office & Student Services
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/

Scholarship & Students Finance
http://www.uleth.ca/ross/student-finance/

U of L Students’ Union & Student Clubs
http://www.ulsu.ca/
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### Career & Employment Services (CES)

CES assists U of L students and graduates with their career exploration and work search needs.

AH154 Anderson Hall, Phone: 403-329-2000  
Mon- Fri: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.