What to do with a History Major?

The term historian covers a broad range of career options and job settings. Effective writing skills, critical analysis skills, research skills, interdisciplinary thinking and training, as well as curiosity and inquisitiveness are just some of the skills you will acquire and hone as a History major.

Below are some of the career paths history majors commonly pursue.

Teacher, Social Studies
Journalist
Archivist
Lecturer
Genealogist
Librarian
Dir. Historian
Media Consultant
Counselor
Sociologist
Anthropologist
Park Ranger
Indicter
Economist
Editor
Travel Agent
Urban Planner
Writer/Author
Foreign Service Officer
Government Official
Public Relations Specialist
Peace Corps/Vista Worker
International Relations Psychologist
Historic Preservationist Biographer
Foreign News Correspondent
Legal Assistant/Paralegal
Museum Tech. & Specialist
Insurance Agent/Broker

Lawyer
Archeologist
Historical Society Staff
Historic Site Tour Guide
Urban Administrator
Community Relations
Congressional Aide
Market Research Analyst
Consumer Advocate
Criminologist
Museum Curator
Demographer
Research Assistant
Technical Writer
Intelligence Analyst
Political Scientist
FBI/CIA Agent
Clergy
Lobbyist

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Federated
Department
of History
The history faculty at Rutgers University-Newark and NJIT are joined in a single federated department that offers an integrated curriculum and joint undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

The Federated Department of History offers its students a wide range of excellent resources for the study of history, including:

- an outstanding faculty with nationally and internationally known scholars and teachers
- a broad selection of undergraduate and graduate course offerings, with extensive coverage of major historical periods and regions, from the ancient Middle East to contemporary America, Africa, and China, and a unique undergraduate and graduate program in the history of Technology, Environment and Health/Medicine
- opportunities for original research and writing, with particular emphasis upon the craft of historical writing
- internships with the Newark Museum and other local cultural institutions
- eligibility to participate in the certification programs offered by the Department of Urban Education at Rutgers University-Newark
- opportunities to share in the resources and facilities of both institutions, including the extensive library holdings of the Rutgers University system

The B.A. in History is offered jointly by the Federated History Department of Rutgers-Newark and NJIT. The program draws on faculty and courses from both universities. The major in history gives students a broad grasp of world history and the cultural backgrounds of many segments of contemporary society. Students learn methods of historical research and exposition that may be applied not only by the professional historian but also by those interested in pursuing careers in government, education, law, the media, business, and other fields. Although not required, proficiency in at least one foreign language is recommended, especially for students who are considering graduate study in history.

**Major Requirements:**

The major requires 39 credits of history courses with a grade of C or higher. These courses may include offerings at Rutgers (510 and 512 prefixes) or NJIT (Hist prefix). Each program is subject to approval by an advisor or by the chairperson of the department. Specific requirements:

1. 6 credits in introductory western civilization: R510:201 and R510:202
2. 6 credits in any U.S. history (512 prefix) courses (any level)
3. 6 credits in any (510 prefix) Asian, African, Latin American, or Comparative history courses (any level)
4. 6 credits in the two-semester History Seminar: Readings and Research (510:489 and 510:490) Open to Junior and Senior Majors
5. 15 additional credits in history, at least 12 of which must be taken at the 300 or 400 level

Students considering the history major are encouraged to contact a history faculty advisor to discuss their interests and career options.

**Department of History offers the following minors:**

**History**

The following 18 credits are required for the minor in history:

- 3 credits in European history, including western civilization (510 prefix)
- 3 credits in U.S. history (512 prefix)
- 3 credits in Asian, African, Latin American, or Comparative history courses (510 prefix)
- 3 Electives in history (9 credits, 510 or 512 prefix)

**Ancient and Medieval Civilizations**

The following 18 credits are required for the minor in Ancient and Medieval Civilizations:

- 6 credits of select history courses and select courses in material and intellectual development according to the student's area of concentration
- 6 credits in Arabic, Chinese, Greek, Hebrew, or Latin selected according to the student's area of concentration
- 6 credits in a mixture of the above two categories according to the student's interests

**Asian Studies**

The following 18 credits are required for the minor in Asian Studies:

- 6 credits in history related to any of the following: East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Near East, Middle East
- 12 credits in a combination of courses chosen from language study (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Persian), history, humanities and/or social sciences

**Film Studies**

The 18 credit minor examines film as an art form, a form of entertainment, a business, and a political and social practice, tracing its evolution over time and its variants in different cultures. Consult with director for course selection.