

# COTTEY

## What Can I Do With A Major In . . . ?

# History

Historians study the record of past human experience. History majors examine the causes, contexts, and chronologies of historical events to understand how human experiences have both remained the same and changed over time. History develops a greater understanding and appreciation of today's culture and civilizations. Historians usually specialize in a specific country or region; a particular time period; or a particular field such as social, political or diplomatic history. An advanced degree may be required for certain occupations.

### IS THIS MAJOR FOR YOU?

*You might like this major if you also like:* reenactments; museums; historical novels; collecting stamps, coins, etc.; other cultures and other times; genealogy and family history

*Consider this major if you are good at:* attention to detail; critical reading/thinking; memorizing; observing; information gathering; researching; writing; analyzing

### EMPLOYMENT SETTINGS

- Colleges and universities
- Government and non-profit agencies
- National archives
- Libraries
- Historical societies
- Magazines and newspapers
- Museums
- Public and private research groups

### SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS

- Lawyer
- Foreign Service Officer
- Cultural Artifact Specialist
- Educator
- Museum Curator
- Preservation Specialist
- Policy Analyst
- Genealogist
- Journalist
- Historic Site Supervisor
- Librarian

### ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE CENTER RESOURCES

*Great Jobs for History Majors*

*Careers for History Buffs and Others Who Learn From the Past*

*Opportunities in Museum Careers*

*Opportunities in Government Careers*

*100 jobs in Social Change*

### TYPICAL COURSES IN THIS MAJOR

- United States History
- History of Western Civilization
- Twentieth-Century Europe
- History of Women in the United States
- Renaissance and Reformation
- Medieval History
- Historical Research

### OTHER MAJORS YOU MIGHT LIKE

- Art History
- Anthropology
- International Relations
- Political Science
- Classics

### WEBSITES TO VISIT

American Historical Association  
[www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)

American Association for State and Local History  
[www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org)

Organization of American Historians  
[www.oah.org](http://www.oah.org)