

HISTORY (BA) - RESEARCH & ANALYSIS TRACK

Program Overview

Located on the RiverPark campus in uptown Columbus, Georgia, the department houses faculty with expertise in European, Islamic, Latin American, African American, Medieval, Military, and United States history. Courses in Urban Geography, Cultural Geography, and Geographic Information Systems enhance the research and employment opportunities of our graduates. Class size is small, and faculty members advise all majors and remain actively involved in their academic progress. The department organizes trips to local and regional historical sites, leads study abroad programs, and provides numerous internships and other learning opportunities.

Only a handful of history majors become historians. Some grow to be history teachers, many others move on to a different career. Indeed, people trained in liberal arts, and in history in particular, are well equipped to succeed in a variety of fields, from business to law, from archive and library sciences to politics, from administration to art. And yet, a degree in history promises much more than a fulfilling job.

History students understand the complexity of the human experience. They are exposed to its diversity as they learn about peoples and societies around the world, and as they think about how these changed over time. They see how various individuals and groups interacted in different settings, and reflect on the reasons why people acted the way they did, and on the consequences of their choices. They respect these differences, while working to understand their origin and evolution.

Career Opportunities

A degree in history offers a **wide variety of job and career opportunities** ranging from teaching to business, from journalism to law school, from working in libraries/archives to museums.

Indeed, a degree in history offers a **wide range of skills** that can be applied very broadly.

Historians as Educators

- Elementary Schools
- Secondary Schools
- Postsecondary Education
- Historic Sites and Museums

Historians as Researchers

- Museums and Historical Organizations
- Cultural Resources Management and Historic Preservation
- Think Tanks

Historians as Communicators

- Writers and Editors
- Journalists
- Documentary Editors
- Producers of Multimedia Material

Historians as Information Managers

- Archivists
- Records Managers
- Librarians
- Information Managers

Historians as Advocates

- Lawyers and Paralegals
- Litigation Support
- Legislative Staff Work
- Foundations

Historians in Businesses and Associations

- Historians in Corporations
- Contract Historians
- Historians and Nonprofit Associations