

History?! What will you do?

Career paths for history majors at KU



What a Few History Alumni Are Doing Now

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History Majors Work All Over the World

Historians with knowledge of foreign languages and cultures in an international company can help employees and customers communicate effectively.

*Historians see the **big picture**
in the **small data**.*

*They **analyze** problems and
communicate solutions.*

Employment Possibilities

Business:

Administration, Management, Sales

Education:

Elementary Through Higher Education

Government:

Federal, State, Local

Journalism: Broadcast, Print, Web

Law:

Law Firms, Public Advocacy

Museums:

Archives, Libraries, Corporations

Non-for Profits:

Heritage Organizations, Historic sites

Politics:

Campaign Staff, Elected official

Plus Music, Medicine, Art, etc., etc.

History Majors Leading in Business:

- Kenneth Chenault, CEO and Chairman of American Express
- Chris Hughes (co-founder of Facebook)
- * Lee Iacocca (CEO, Chrysler Corporation)
- Robert Johnson (CEO, BET TV)
- James Kilts (CEO, Gillette Corporation)
- Samuel Palmisano (CEO, IBM)
- Ben Silverman (Co-Chairman, NBC TV)
- Martha Stewart
- Howard Stringer (CEO, Sony)

History Provides the Top Skills

Demanded by Employers:

Communication, Teamwork, Making decisions/solving problems, Planning, organizing, and prioritizing, Obtaining and processing information, Analyzing quantitative data, Technical skills related to the job, Using computer software, Creating and editing written reports

Source: National Association of Colleges and Employers

Will you be ready?

A major challenge of the twenty-first century is how to analyze data, draw conclusions, and present those ideas to others. History can teach you that.



Of all Humanities Majors, History is the Most Lucrative:

- History majors have higher median wages (\$54,000 annually) of any humanities degree.
- With graduate degrees, history majors earn the most (\$80,000 annually) among any humanities majors.

Source: *Economic Value of College Majors*, Georgetown University (2015)



- A degree in History has the same salary potential as a degree in Business Administration
- 4 out of 5 history majors are satisfied with their current jobs
- Companies hiring history majors include J.P. Morgan Chase, Randstad North America, Hartford Financial Services Group, and Geico

Source: www.payscale.com, accessed 24 November 2015

OMG, Did you know s/he was a history major?



Joe Biden, Jimmy Buffet, Wolf Blitzer, Steve Carell, Julia Child, Sacha Baron Cohen, Winston Churchill, Larry David, W.E.B Du Bois, Carly Fiorina, Will Forte, Katherine Hepburn, Eric Holder, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, John F. Kennedy, Edward Norton, Conan O'Brien, Bill O'Reilly, Michael Palin, Ayn Rand, Charlie Rose, Carl Sandburg, Frank Stella, Sonia Sotomayor, Ray Suarez, and you?



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