CAREERS IN…..

History is the study of the past. By studying history, students learn about how the events of the past have led us to the present day. Through studying the culture, economics, and events of yesteryear through primary research, critical analysis, and the writing of scholarly research papers, students of history will become assets in both the private and public sectors because they have developed skills as both writers and critical thinkers. At William Paterson University, History is a 36 credit major which requires studying a cross section of geographical locations and historical time periods.

WPUNJ History:  http://www.wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/history/
WPUNJ Admissions:  http://www.wpunj.edu/admissions/undergraduate/academic-programs/programs_detail.dot?id=125608

Interests & Skills:
* Ability to examine and interpret world events
* Can see correlations and relationships between events and factors
* Can write and present information in a clear, succinct manner
* Can interpret ideas and events

Work environment:
History majors can work in a variety of different settings including federal agencies like the library of congress and Smithsonian institute. State and local agencies including libraries, archives, museums and parks provide additional areas of opportunity. History majors may become elected officials, work on political campaigns or work for advocacy groups. In addition, they may work at law firms, non profit organizations and research institutions.

Possible job titles:
* Anthropologist
* Artifacts Conservator
* Bibliographer
* Columnist
* Congressional Aide
* Field Interpreter
* Foreign Service Officer
* Government Official
* Historic Site Tour Guide
* Lobbyist
* Peace Corps Worker
* Policy Analyst
* Production Assistant
* Corporation Historian
* Demographer
* Event Planner
* Historic Society Staff
* International Relations
* Lecturer
* Librarian
* Sales/Customer Service
* Travel Agent
* Archeologist
* Banker
* City Manager
* College Administrator
* Consumer Advocate
* Folklorist
* Gallery Assistant
* Historian
* Historic Background
* Museum Curator
* Personnel Officer
* Political Scientist
* Professor
* Customer Supply Analyst
* Editor
* Exhibit Coordinator
* Insurance Agent/Broker
* Journalist
* Legal Assistant/Paralegal
* Real Estate Agent
* Teacher/Social Studies
* Writer/Author
* Archivist
* Biographer
* Clergy
* Community Relations Director
* FBI/CIA Agent
* Foreign News Correspondent
* Genealogist
* Historic Preservationist
* Park Ranger
* Museum Technician & Specialist
* Photographic Cataloger
* Program Coordinator
* Public Relations Specialist
* Customs Port Investigator
* Education Specialist
* Specialist
* Intelligence Analyst
* Lawyer
* Legislative Aide
* Research Analyst
* Technical Writer

“Some people make headlines while others make history.”
—Philip Elmer-DeWitt
**Enhance Your Qualifications:**

Students in the History major at William Paterson have numerous opportunities to enhance their academic experience. Students can contact the department about internships in such places as museums, law offices, and government. Also, many students find that a study abroad experience enhances their curriculum because they are given the opportunity to experience history first hand. Students can join the History Club which will enable them to meet others in their major with similar interests and career goals. The department also offers membership to Phi Alpha Theta, the History Honors Society, to students who meet certain GPA requirements. Students contact the department for more information. History majors should connect with professionals, fellow students and professors on LinkedIn. Furthermore, history majors can join groups on LinkedIn. In addition to a major in history, students may pursue a minor in anthropology, sociology or others depending on their area of interest.

**WPUNJ Alumni:**

- **Teacher - Social Science**
  - Passaic Valley High School
- **Teacher - Special Education**
  - Board of Education-Lodi
- **Public Health Program Administrator**
  - Department of Health – Pennsylvania
- **Public Defender**
  - Office of Public Defender
- **District Manager**
  - Oakwood Corporation Housing
- **Attorney**
  - Skadden
- **Legal Review Representative**
  - Alliance Fund Services
- **Manager, Hospitality Solutions**
  - Active International

**Related Web Sites:**

- American Historical Association  
  [www.historians.org/](http://www.historians.org/)
- Phi Alpha Theta  
  [web1.cas.usf.edu/PAT/](http://web1.cas.usf.edu/PAT/)
- The History Channel  
  [www.historychannel.com/](http://www.historychannel.com/)
- Occupational Outlook Handbook  
  [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)
- Salary.com  
  [www.salary.com](http://www.salary.com)
- O*net  
  [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)
- Why Major in History?  

**Other sources:**

Please drop by the Career Development and Advisement Center to learn more about careers in history. The career library carries career-specific books and counselors are available to answer any further questions you may have.

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