History is about change and continuity over time and space. Historians gain an understanding of complex cause-and-effect relationships by gathering, organizing and evaluating historical sources from a variety of academic perspectives. During the course of your studies, you'll gain research capabilities, logical and abstract reasoning skills, and the capacity to think in historical terms.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

**Cultural sensitivity** - Appreciation and awareness of cultural differences, exposure to different cultural environments, an appreciation and awareness of cultural difference through the influence of different historical factors

**Analysis and evaluation** - Understand the sense of "sequence" and interrelationship between events, evaluate historical data, critical and analytical thinking; Ethical perspective and understanding. Assess the validity of sources and the impact of bias on our perception of past events

**Problem solving** - Develop systematic procedures for investigating a problem, making sound judgments based on research and analysis of data, approaching topics and problems from various perspectives; analyzing multiple dimensions of a problem

**Synthesis of information** - Synthesize a large amount of information and draw conclusions based on that information, thorough, reading comprehension

**Research** - Interdisciplinary methodology and perspective, conduct and explain research clearly, forecast possible future trends; Conduct and explain scientific research clearly

**Sample Job Titles**

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Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. **Request an assessment via CareerLink**
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- American Historical Association: historians.org
- Association of Canadian Archivists: archivists.ca
- Calgary Heritage Initiative: calgaryheritage.org
- Canadian Association of Professional Conservators: capc-acrp.ca
- Canadian Council of Archives: cdncouncilarchives.ca
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences: ideas-idees.ca/
- Canadian Heritage Information Network: chin.gc.ca
- Canadian Historical Association: cha-shc.ca
- Canada’s History: canadahistory.ca/
- Canadian Museums Association: museums.ca
- Canadian Public Relations Society: cprs.ca
- Historical Society of Alberta: albertahistory.org
- International Committee of Historical Sciences: cish.org
- Library and Archives Canada: collectionscanada.gc.ca
- Natural Trust for Canada: nationaltrustcanada.ca/

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Job Boards

Indeed: https://ca.indeed.com/

Cultural Human Resources Council: culturalhrc.ca

Historical Societies, local: mhs.mb.ca

LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com

CareerLink: careerlink.ucalgary.ca

Additional Resources

Careers for History Buffs & Others Who Learn from the Past, 3rd Ed. by Blythe Camenson
Careers for Scholars & Other Deep Thinkers by Camenson, Blythe
Great Jobs for History Majors by Stephen E. Lambert, Julie Degalan
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Camenson, Blythe

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