Ancient and Medieval History examines the political, economic and social development of the Mediterranean world and western Europe from the 4th century to the 15th century C.E.

**KEY SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE**

**Appreciation and awareness of cultural differences** - Exposure to different cultural environments; Appreciation and awareness of cultural differences through the influence of different historical factors

**Organization** - Able to meet deadlines; Collect and organize important historical data; Carry out tasks with thoroughness, precision, and attention to detail

**Communication skills** - Explaining ideas, writing and presenting information; compiling carefully reasoned reports and essays; Public speaking, present ideas and data clearly

**Research** - Synthesize a large amount of information and draw conclusions based on that information; Data collection; Process and synthesize vast amounts of historical data and apply where relevant; Interpret research and data; Forecast possible future trends

**Computer skills** - Word processing

**Critical/analytical thinking** - Compare and contrast ideas and information; Identify and evaluate records of past events, ideas, and facts accurately; Make sound judgments based on research and analysis of data

**Historical knowledge** - Knowledge of the history of various geographical areas and time periods; Knowledge of various geographical areas and time periods; Understand and interpret both the past and the present

**Interdisciplinary perspective** - Place current events in cultural, social and historical context; Understanding of the influence of "perspective" on facts; A sense of "sequence" and interrelationship between events

**Problem solving skills** - Approaching topics and problems from various perspectives; Analyzing multiple dimensions of a problem; Identifying problems and developing solutions; Decision-making skills; Logical reasoning

**Project management and team work** - Mediate in disputes and conflicts; Listen objectively; Make keen observations, solve problems, and make appropriate decisions

**Sample Job Titles**

Admissions Officer, Archivist / Archivist Assistant, Bibliographer, Biographer, Cataloguer, Curator, Cybrarian, Educational Program Coordinator, Exhibit Designer, Foreign Service Officer, Genealogist/Genealogical Assistant, Heritage Assistant, Historian, Historic Interpreter, Historic Site Administrator / Officer, Intelligence Officer, Librarian / Reference Coordinator, Museum Educator, Photograph Cataloguer, Policy / Program Analyst, Preservation/Restoration Assistant, Projects/Program Coordinator, Researcher / Research Assistant, Restoration Assistant, Tour Guide / Director, Writer

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: [http://www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)
- Association of Canadian Archivists: [http://www.archivists.ca/](http://www.archivists.ca/)
- Canada’s National History Society: [http://www.historysociety.ca](http://www.historysociety.ca)
- Canadian Association of Professional Conservators: [http://capc-acrp.ca/home.asp](http://capc-acrp.ca/home.asp)
- Canadian Council of Archives: [http://www.cdncouncilarchives.ca/](http://www.cdncouncilarchives.ca/)
- Canadian Historical Association: [http://www.cha-shc.ca](http://www.cha-shc.ca)
- Canadian Museums Association: [http://www.museums.ca](http://www.museums.ca)
- Canadian Public Relations Society: [http://www.cprs.ca/](http://www.cprs.ca/)
- CMSS Events: [http://cmss.ucalgary.ca/events](http://cmss.ucalgary.ca/events)
- Heritage Canada: [http://www..heritagecanada.org/](http://www.heritagecanada.org/)
- Historical Society of Alberta: [http://www.albertahistory.org](http://www.albertahistory.org)
- International Committee of Historical Sciences: [http://www.cish.org](http://www.cish.org)
- School of Public Policy Events: [http://policyschool.ucalgary.ca/?q=upcoming-events](http://policyschool.ucalgary.ca/?q=upcoming-events)
- The Organization for the History of Canada: [http://www.orghistcanada.ca](http://www.orghistcanada.ca)