

Career Development Steps for History Majors

An undergraduate major in history provides the student with a superior background for the pursuit of any career which requires skill in evaluating and analyzing evidence and data, as well as the ability to present one's analysis concisely and convincingly. Therefore, it is direct preparation for teachers, librarians, journalists, archivists, public administrators, lawyers, and museum curators. Moreover, history is pertinent to students planning to go into foreign service, medicine, or business who wish to learn the traditions of other nations and cultures. However, many of these career paths require additional course work and practical work experience. The following career development steps are to help history majors learn about various careers open to them and prepare themselves to be a successful candidate for graduate study or the job market.

Freshman or sophomore year:

Have a one-on-one conversation with your history advisor about career plans.

Meet with a Career Center advisor or the advising office of an area(s) of interest (pre-law, pre-health, education, etc.). Majors who are undecided about their career plans are encouraged to take CPSY 224: Career and Life Planning Lab or a Career Self-Assessment Workshop at the Career Center.

Junior and senior year:

Submit resume to Career Center advisor (or other advisor) for review.

Engage in an internship or other relevant work experience (such as volunteering at a hospital for pre-med students). Many students choose to engage in more than one internship in a variety of fields.

Attend career fairs sponsored by Loyola if you are planning to go directly into the work force. You can find a calendar of career fairs at <http://www.luc.edu/career/fairs.shtml>