Department of History

Undergraduate Degree Programs
• History Major, B.A.
• History Major, B.S.
• China Studies Minor
• History Minor

Graduate Degree Programs
• History, M.A.

Careers in History

The History Department prepares students for various career paths or continuing studies. Some alumni of the program are working in academic positions, foreign services, museums, libraries, archives, non-profits, as journalists, writers or editors, in cultural resource management, public history, or historical preservation. The Department of History also prepares students for government positions, such as the F.B.I., Department of Defense, the Navy, Border Patrol, or Forest Service as well as various corporations. The History Department also prepares students to excel in graduate studies in history or other programs, such as seminary, law school, or medical school.

Recent graduates are attending divinity schools such as Vanderbilt or Duke, graduate programs in Religious Studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, as well as Master’s and Ph.D. programs at various large universities, public and private. Other recent graduates have found employment in both the public and private sectors including governmental departments and such employers as U.S. Air and Federal Express where their analytical and communication skills have allowed them to rise to important management positions. Some of our graduates are now employed in the areas of public education, years seven through twelve.

For more career information associated with this program, visit the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) at bls.gov/ooh/.

Program Highlights

• The History Department has its own chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the National Honor Society for History. Phi Alpha Theta is the second oldest honors society after Phi Beta Kappa.

• The History Department has an Honors-in-Discipline program designed to challenge outstanding history majors and minors.

• The History Department has courses in Public History, preparatory to an M.A. in Public History.

Point of Interest

• The History Department not only supports degrees in History, but also participates in the Africana Studies Minor, the Women’s Studies Minor, the Religious Studies Minor, and Appalachian Studies Minor by teaching interdisciplinary classes for all of those programs.

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