

Public History



Career Pathways

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview:

Public History provides students a firm foundation in American history. Students of public history will learn to analyze, interpret, and evaluate historical evidence. The ability to apply a historical perspective to contemporary issues will also be learned, as well as the ability to honor historical interpretation from those of diverse cultural traditions and values, all with the goal of conveying historical understanding to members of the general public.

Acquired Skills MOST Valued by Employers:

- Analyze, Interpret, and Evaluate Historical Evidence
 - Apply Historical Perspectives to Contemporary Issues
 - Create Research-based History Products for the Public
 - Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
 - Oral/Written Communications
 - Teamwork/Collaboration
 - Digital Technology
 - Leadership
 - Professionalism/Work Ethic
 - Career Management
 - Global/Intercultural Fluency
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Common Pathways:

- Curator
- Archivist
- Collections
- Professor
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Researcher
- Park ranger
- Historian
- Anthropologist Lobbyist
- Historical consulting
- Biographer

Please note that some of these pathways require an advanced post bachelor's degree

Common Industries:

- Museums
 - Historical societies
 - Federal/state/local government
 - Law
 - Education
 - Business
 - Non-profits
 - Archives
 - Libraries
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Sample of Employers of Stevenson University Students:

- Maryland State Archives
- Maryland National Guard
- National Human Genome Research Institute
- Babe Ruth Museum
- Calvert Hall
- Baltimore County Public Library
- Baltimore Museum of Education
- Kennedy Krieger Institute

Internship Sites for Stevenson Students:

- 5th Regiment Armory/Maryland Military History Museum
- Babe Ruth Museum and Sports Legends at Camden Yards Museum
- Carroll County Historical Society
- George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Hershey Community Archives
- National Museum of American History
- Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum
- Office of the U.S. Coast Guard Historian
- Stevenson University
- Women in Military Service for American Memorial Foundation

Graduate Schools Attended by Stevenson Alumni:

- Loyola University of Maryland
- Stevenson University
- Towson University
- San Francisco State University
- Morgan State University
- Howard University
- University of Maryland (College Park)
- University of Maryland of Baltimore County
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Washington University School of Law (St. Louis)

An Employer's Perspective:

The value that a History major brings to an organization is in interpretation of events and ideas, examining evidence, explaining the present by referring to the past, as well as writing and presenting information and seeing relationships between factors. Strong writing, analytical, research, and presentation skills are required for a competitive industry; however, these skills are also transferable into other industries of interest. Internships in this field are extremely valuable and engaging in several may assist with the job search.

Salaries:

Salaries are dependent upon the industry, level of position, and geographical region. A few good resources for researching salaries of specific jobs within various industries are www.salary.com and www.payscale.com.

