Strategies for Success

- Gain marketable analytical thinking, self-discipline, and communication skills as a history major.
- Select your desired career field, then set up an internship or part-time job in the industry to gain experience.
- Choose history courses that will strengthen research, analytical, and writing skills to make yourself more marketable.
- Study to protect your GPA if graduate school is in your plans.
- Join associations while in school to strengthen your résumé and show dedication to your field.
- Learn a foreign language to be more marketable to future employers.
- Seek out entry-level positions to gain more experience.
- Consider advanced degrees or specialized training to be more marketable in your field.
- Match a relevant minor with your history major to have a broader knowledge base.
- Volunteer to develop more skills and gain experience for your résumé.
- Develop strong computer and social media skills.
- Consider shadowing or an informational interview in the field under consideration.

*may require graduate studies
Holland Codes

The Holland Code system connects individuals with the career field that best fits their personality. The system scores the test taker on six separate scales: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C). The two or three highest scores represent an individual’s strongest attributes. Here are a few examples of positions associated with this major:

- Archivist (CIS)
- National Park Ranger (SRA)
- History Teacher (SAE)
- Congressional Aide (CES)

The FOCUS 2 Career Assessment utilizes these Holland Codes and is a free resource to Liberty students. Assessment results are matched to career options and majors offered at Liberty. To access this free resource visit www.Liberty.edu/Focus2.

Resources

On-Campus and Local Resources

• Visit the Christian Service page to learn about potential volunteer opportunities. Students have volunteered in the following areas:
  - Liberty University programs and organizations
  - Education and educational assistance
  - Social issues and civic organizations
  - Nonprofit shelters and food banks
  - Camps and local tours
  - Amazement square children’s museum
• Connect with Liberty’s History Club
• Become a member of the Phi Alpha Theta
• Attend one of Liberty’s Civil War Seminars

Online Resources

Visit the websites of the following organizations:

- Matrix Center for the Humane Arts, Letters, and Social Sciences Online
- H-Net Job Guide for the Humanities and History
- American Association of Museums
- American Historical Association
- Museum Employment Resource Center
- O-Net Online: Occupational Outlook Handbook

The Washington Fellowship

Consider spending a semester doing an internship with The Washington Fellowship. Possible opportunities include: the National Archives, the American Indians Museum, the Holocaust Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Air and Space Museum, the National Gallery of Art, the Newseum, National Museum of African Art, the Spy Museum, the Library of Congress, or providing tours for congressmen. To learn more visit: www.Liberty.edu/Washington.

Sample Résumés

For a variety of sample résumés visit the Liberty University Career Center.