

## History, Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in History has been designed for individuals who seek a broad and extensive interdisciplinary education in the liberal arts tradition. The concentration in History equips students with the skills needed to uncover and analyze the events, processes and ideas which shape the past and to appreciate how an understanding of the past helps inform the present and the future. Through the study of change and continuity over time and place, students acquire an ability to look at the past from different angles and perspectives and to employ a variety of analytical tools and methods in interpreting human affairs and institutions. You will strengthen your research skills by develop meaningful information systems by selecting, organizing and interpreting material. As a History major, you will explore practical uses of History through research and preparing manuscripts in support of public programming and the development of exhibits at historic sites, museums, libraries and archives.

### What you can be with your History, Bachelor of Arts Degree:

Researcher	Demographer #2161	Assistant Curator #5112	Educator
Tour Guide #6441	Historic Site Interpreter	Antique Dealer #0612	Historic Inn Operator
Surveyor #2154	Museum Educator #5124	Nature Education Instructor	Historic Site Technician #5212
Survey Statistician #2161	Management Consultant #1122	Benefits Officer #1432	Public Relations Consultant #5124
Marketing Specialist/Representative	Insurance Agent #6231	Investment Advisor #1112	Human Resources Specialist #1121
Market Researcher #4163	Venture Capitalist	Job Analyst #1121	Salesperson
Academic Advisor #4143	Trainer #4131	Coordinator for Schools and Youth Programs	Writer/Author/Columnist #5121
Education Specialist	Education Programs Coordinator	Interpreter #5125	Technical Writer #5121
Broadcaster #5231	Software Developer #2174	Travel Agent #6431	Customer Service Manager #0621
Auctioneer #6411	Information Specialist	Political Analyst	Intelligence Officer
Classifier	Photograph Cataloger	Records Information Manager	Government Relations Specialist
Conference Coordinator #1226	Historian #4169	Archeologist #4169	Conservator #5112

This career/job listing is only a sample of the possible career options; these are certainly not the only career/job options accessible with this degree/diploma. Some of the careers listed require further education.

For career information, enter the four digit number listed below in the Alberta Learning Information Services Website ([www.alis.alberta.ca](http://www.alis.alberta.ca)) or the National Occupational Classification Website (<http://www5.hrsdc.gc.ca/NOC/>).

RDC Career Services can help you explore your interests, identify your goals, discuss your career options and job search strategies and discover how to make the most of your education. Email or give us a call to connect with a career counsellor.

**RDC Department Information: History, Bachelor of Arts** [rdc.ab.ca/programs/arts](http://rdc.ab.ca/programs/arts)

**Potential employers:**

Advertising Agencies	Art Galleries	Conservatories	Federal Agencies
Libraries	Governments	Historical Societies	Media
National Parks	Newspapers/Magazines	Museums/Archives	Nature Centres
Non Profit Organizations	Publishers	Public Relations Department	Research Centres

**Major Skills Obtained from a History, Bachelor of Arts Degree Program**

- A sense of “sequence” and interrelationship between events
- Ability to collect and organize important historical data
- Ability to identify and evaluate records of past events, ideas, and facts accurately
- Ability to synthesize large amount of information and draw conclusions based on that information
- Proficiency in reading comprehension, writing and speaking
- Understand the relation between historical and current events
- Ability to conduct and explain scientific research clearly
- Knowledge of history of various geographical areas and time periods
- Ability to make keen observations, solve problems, and make appropriate decisions
- Exposure to different cultural environments, an appreciation and awareness of cultural difference through the influence of historical factors
- Proficiency in reading comprehension, writing and speaking
- Explaining the present by referring to the past
- Ability to place events in context: cultural, social and historical
- Understanding the influence of “perspective” on facts
- Demonstrating the ability to make sound judgments based on research and analysis of data

**Professional Associations and Sites of Interest**

The Heritage Canada Foundation – [www.heritagecanada.org](http://www.heritagecanada.org)

Canadian Historical Association – [www.cha-shc.ca](http://www.cha-shc.ca)

Canadian Museums Association – [www.musuems.ca](http://www.musuems.ca)

Canada’s National History Society – [www.historysociety.ca](http://www.historysociety.ca)

Library Archives of Canada – [www.archives.ca](http://www.archives.ca)

Red Deer College – [www.rdc.ab.ca/employment](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/employment)

City of Red Deer – [www.reddeer.ca](http://www.reddeer.ca)

City of Calgary – [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca)

City of Edmonton – [www.edmonton.ca](http://www.edmonton.ca)

Corus Entertainment - [www.corusent.com](http://www.corusent.com)

CTV Globe Media - [www.ctvglobemedia.com](http://www.ctvglobemedia.com)

Deloitte and Touché – [www.careers.deloitte.com/gateway.aspx](http://www.careers.deloitte.com/gateway.aspx)

Manulife Financial – [www.manulife.com/careers](http://www.manulife.com/careers)

Meyers Norris Penny LLP – [www.mnp.ca](http://www.mnp.ca)

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP – [www.pwcrecruiting.com](http://www.pwcrecruiting.com)

Provincial Government of Alberta – [www.jobs.alberta.ca](http://www.jobs.alberta.ca)

Public Service Commission of Canada (Federal Government) - <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca>

Information adapted from <http://www.mcgill.ca/files/caps/english.pdf>

<http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/majors/english.htm>

<http://www.uwec.edu/career/students/major/english.htm>

<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/online-education-guide/arts-humanities/english-major.htm>