

History

Typical Career Fields:

Government (projected growth 15% - 21%) ☀️

- Federal, State, Local

Politics (projected growth 15% - 21%) ☀️

- Elected or appointed
- Advocacy groups
- Campaigns

Law (projected growth 15% - 21%) ☀️

- Law Firms
- Paralegal
- Legal Departments
- Government Agencies

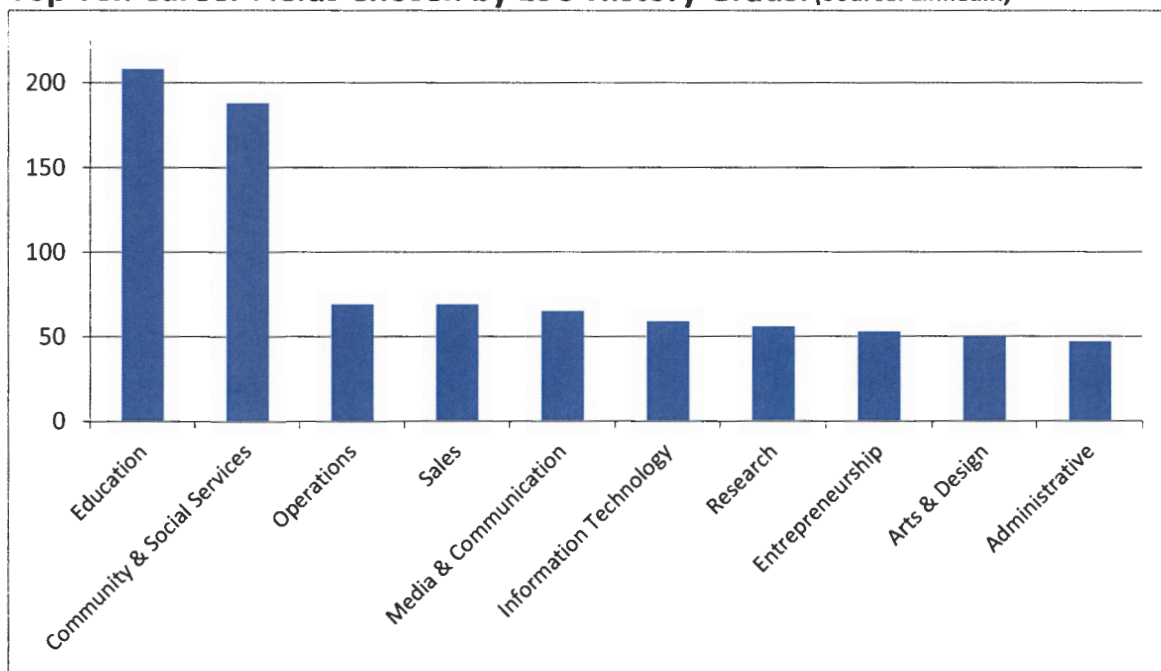
Nonprofit Organizations (projected growth 3% - 7%)

- Museums
- Cultural heritage
- Research
- Historian

History Teacher (projected growth 3% - 7%)

☀️ = Bright Outlook Source: O*NET

Top Ten Career Fields Chosen by ESU History Grads: (Source: LinkedIn)



Where Our Grads Go (top ten):

- Johnson County Library
- Topeka & Shawnee Co. Public Library
- K State University
- Sprint
- Wichita Public Schools
- Allen County CC
- Washburn University
- Denver Public Library
- Olathe School District
- Salina School District

View a list of required courses for this major at <http://www.emporia.edu/sac/list-of-majors.html>.

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History Majors

Strategies on how to become more marketable at graduation

Local and State Government (Legislative Services, Regional Planning, Law Enforcement)

- Employment opportunities in local government tend to follow population trends in terms of growth and decline in availability of positions. Check statistics on growing communities to find the most opportunities. Be prepared to relocate.
- Develop a network of contacts through referrals and informational interviews.
- Conduct research that could be useful to your community.
- Get involved in civic organizations and events.
- Complete an internship in a government agency.
- Participate in local or national election campaigns.

Federal Government (Research, Public Policy, Program Administration)

- Take courses or minor in applicable interest area(s).
- Seek leadership roles in relevant campus organizations such as model United Nations, student government, and cross-cultural organizations.
- Write for campus publications focused on national and international affairs.
- Participate in national campaigns.
- Develop skills in computers, statistics, and data analysis.
- Acquire foreign language competency and travel experience for international positions.
- Complete an internship with the federal government.
- There are a large number of specialized agencies within the federal government. Do extensive research in order to find the area that best fits your interests.
- Become familiar with the government application process. Utilize applicable websites and seek assistance from your college career center.

Politics (Elected Leadership, Lobbying, Campaign Management, Political Advising)

- Volunteer to work with public interest groups, political campaigns, political associations, or community service projects.
- Be prepared to begin a political career as a volunteer before moving to paid positions.
- Many elected public officials begin careers in other fields (law, medicine, business) before campaigning for office.
- Gain experience and make contacts through internships with government agencies or legislatures.
- Become involved in campus political groups, student government, or student publications.
- Obtain leadership roles in campus organizations.
- Take courses in statistics, public policy, or other specific interest areas.

Non-Profit (Grant Writing, Fund Raising, Public Relations, Volunteer Coordination)

- Supplement curriculum with courses in anthropology, sociology, art history, or foreign languages.
- Obtain leadership roles in relevant campus and community organizations.
- Develop strong communication and research skills.
- Learn how to write grants.
- Develop an understanding of budgeting and fiscal management.

Curatorial and Archival (Acquisition, Preservation, Cataloguing, Research)

- Volunteer at campus or community museums.
- Get involved with relevant student organizations.
- Learn about grant writing, budgeting, and legal issues surrounding historical artifacts.
- Attend professional conferences, seminars, and trainings.
- Earn the "Certified Archivist" designation.