

History is useful in the working world: one becomes a careful investigator and reporter of the facts. Its study helps create good businesspeople, teachers, professionals, and political leaders. Professional historians teach at various levels, work in museums and media centers, do historical research for businesses or public agencies, or participate in the growing number of historical consultancies. These categories are important for the basic enterprise of history, but most people who study history use their training for broader professional purposes. Students of history find their investigative research and writing skills directly relevant to jobs in a variety of careers as well as in preparation for fields like law, journalism, information science, and public administration.

Become a citizen of the world. It's a big world out there—culturally, experientially, and historically—and you'll need to be prepared to become a part of it. A history degree from St. Ambrose can help you learn to analyze the problems you'll face in that world and develop solutions to them. Not only will you learn to take a systematic approach to problem-solving, but you'll also come away from your college experience with a heightened awareness of the connection between our past, present and future.

Experience and opportunities. St. Ambrose provides “big world” experience and opportunities in intimate settings. You'll have the chance to take history courses abroad as part of study tours and winter interim programs in Latin America and Europe. The investigative and analytical skills you'll acquire as a history major will serve you in all sorts of professions.

Flexible yet rigorous. Our history professors incorporate role-playing and research into their classes, including innovative courses such as the History of Food, and the History of Rock and Roll. Your instructors will guide you through a required research project that includes understanding historiography—a concept not always available at larger institutions. Here the emphasis is not just on content, but on skills such as writing, research and critical thinking.

Ambrose Advantages

- As a history or history education student, you can count on:
- > Advisers who direct students to opportunities and professors who will stay in touch after graduation to provide letters of recommendation and serve as references.
 - > Close ties to interdisciplinary minors such as Classical Studies and Women and Gender Studies.
 - > Innovative pedagogy, such as role-playing.
 - > Never more than 25 students in a class.
 - > Professors who know you by name and are committed to teaching.



- > Guidance for research in primary sources, with a solid grounding in existing scholarship.
- > Faculty members who take an active role in helping students find volunteer experiences and career opportunities.

Career Opportunities

Students majoring in history can apply their knowledge to many professions. Some of the career options available to history professionals include: **archivist, librarian, curator, teacher, attorney, paralegal, government historian, journalist, historic preservationist, foreign service officer, corporate historian, editor, government official or aide, intelligence agent, or historic interpreter** at a museum, historical society or historic site.

Career Outlook

- > Median pay for historians was \$52,480 in 2012, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The job growth outlook through 2022 is 6 percent.
- > The employment outlook for archivists, curators and museum workers projects 11 percent growth through 2022.
- > Positions in anthropology and archeology are projected to grow by 19 percent through 2022. The positions commanded a median salary of \$57,420 in 2012.
- > Teaching positions ranked fourth (high school), sixth (middle school) and tenth (elementary school)—based on growth potential and job and salary satisfaction—among social service jobs in a 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* ranking of jobs.

Alumni Success Stories

- > Lucy Craft triple majored in history, women's studies, and sociology and studied abroad at University of Hyderabad (India) and University of Botswana. After graduation, she became a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines.
- > Kelsey Ward Marquard, a history and political science double major, earned a scholarship to law school at the University of Iowa. She is an attorney at Lane and Waterman, LLP, and has been accepted to the bar in Iowa and Illinois.
- > Breanna Neubauer, a triple major in history, English, and philosophy, is a documentation specialist at Baxter International, a global healthcare company with expertise in medical devices, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.
- > Anna Turner-Scott completed her SAU studies while balancing family life as a mother of two. She earned degrees in history and education, and is employed at Digital Pathways, an archival service contractor that works with the Rock Island Arsenal.

Where Some of Our Graduates Work

A few of the organizations that employ St. Ambrose history and history education graduates:

- > Bank Mutual, personal banker
- > Clinton (Iowa) Community School District, at-risk coordinator
- > Creston (Iowa) High School, history teacher and football coach
- > English Valleys Community Schools, teacher and coach
- > John Deere Middle School, eighth-grade history teacher
- > KWQC-TV, producer
- > Putnam Museum, supervisor
- > Tinley Park High School, teacher and head basketball coach
- > Volt Information Sciences, archives technician

Your Career: Networking, Internships and Jobs in the Quad Cities

The Quad Cities is a welcoming and fun place to live as a college student. More than that, it offers a great community to help you prepare for—or even start—your career.

History students have a number of opportunities to learn and work among the area's museums and historical sites. Davenport's Putnam Museum of History and Natural Science and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum and Historical Site in nearby West Branch, Iowa, are only a few of the places students have used for research and for internship opportunities.

For students majoring in education, St. Ambrose also has strong connections to more than 150 public and private schools in the Quad City area, offering students a variety of settings to begin their field work. The area also holds resources such as the Family Museum of Arts and Science that provide learning opportunities for teachers.

These are just a few of the organizations that contribute to the Quad Cities' exceptional opportunities for networking, internships and jobs.

Get in Touch With Us Today

We invite you to visit St. Ambrose to learn more about the opportunities here. Our quality academic programs provide one of the best private education values in the Midwest. Check it out for yourself: contact our Admissions Office, 563/333-6300 (toll-free 800/383-2627) or admit@sau.edu, or go online to www.sau.edu.

St. Ambrose University offers a Bachelor of Arts in History degree, and a Bachelor of Arts in History Teaching degree. Minors in U.S. History, World History, General History and Classical Studies are also offered. For complete curriculum information and course descriptions, consult the Course Catalog at www.sau.edu/catalog.