History teaches students to understand the human social conditions through the systematic study of the human past. As a history major, you will learn to see and interpret cause and effect, and gain experience in research and writing. A historical perspective enriches any other field of study and serves as an excellent foundation for a wide range of Liberal Arts graduate programs. The courses will also provide you a solid basis for professional training in such fields as law, business, environmental affairs, historic preservation, public administration, and government.

Skills and abilities this major develops include: critical thinking, strong writing skills, research, public speaking, and problem-solving (IU School of Liberal Arts, 2017).

### OPPORTUNITIES AFTER GRADUATION

**Career Opportunities**
An IUPUI history major graduate has many opportunities in various fields including public relations, nonprofits, business development, and more. According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (2017) the field of public relations is expected to grow at an average rate of 6% and the field of social and community service management is expected to grow at 10%. Employment for historians is expected to grow slower than average at a rate of 2% from 2014 to 2024. Candidates with Master’s degrees or a Ph.D. will have the best opportunities.

**Salary Information**
The average starting salary IU School of Liberal Arts graduates from IUPUI was $33,495 for the May 2016 graduating cohort. The median starting salary for liberal arts graduates was $48,750 for the class of May 2016 according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE, 2017).

*(This section is intended for informational purposes, not prediction of actual salary.)*

**Graduate & Professional School Paths**
History majors often pursue advanced degrees in the following areas: Political Science, Law, Government, Historical Preservation, Museum Studies, Library Science, International Relations, Journalism, Historical Administration, Education, and Theology among others.

### WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION

- **IU School of Liberal Arts**
  - History Department
  - 420 Cavanaugh Hall
  - liberalarts.iupui.edu/history

- **American Historical Association**
  - www.historians.org

- **National Council on Public History**
  - 127 Cavanaugh Hall
  - www.ncph.org

### Sample Coursework:
- American history
- Nature of history
- Colonial America
- Soviet culture
- The renaissance
- Ancient Rome
- History capstone

### Possible Careers:
- Marketing research
- Museum educator
- Nonprofit program coordinator
- Paralegal*
- Political campaign worker
- Project manager
- Research analyst

* = Career option requires additional training or education.

### Where Could I Work?
- Indiana historical society
- Community & social services
- Education
- Ivy Tech
- Nonprofits
- State of Indiana

### Complementing Interests:
- Enterprising
- Social
- Investigative

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