The study of history offers a framework for a liberal education and the background that is essential for understanding the contemporary world. Through analyzing interpretive studies, accounts by witnesses to past events, and historical records, students come to appreciate the complexity of human experience. By examining changes in the past, they develop a broad perspective and the ability to weigh evidence and argument.

Besides paving the way to careers in fields like government, law, journalism, and education, the study of history at the undergraduate or graduate level cultivates critical skills useful in all careers. The top occupations for the department's majors are: lawyers, teachers, management and administration professionals, marketers, public relations specialists, and fundraisers. One in four history majors will go on to careers in business and business management.

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Minor

• History (http://catalog.uoregon.edu/arts-sciences/social-sciences/history/min-history/)

Graduate Programs

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