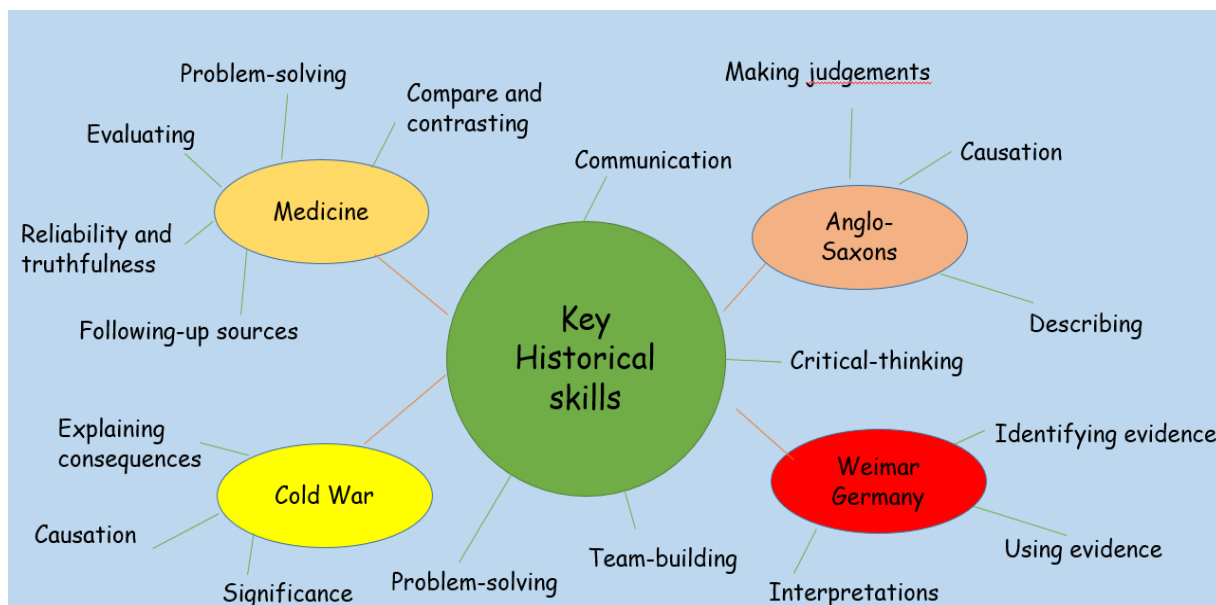


## Careers in History

A history degree equips you with many skills that are attractive to employers. These include:



History is very practical as it involves:

- **Learning about people** – how they interact, the motives and emotions that can tear people apart into rival factions or help them to work together for a common cause.
- **Learning about countries, societies and cultures** – so many of today's conflicts and alliances have their roots in the past. How can one negotiate with, trade successfully with, or report on a country if you know nothing of its history?
- **Learning to locate and sift through facts** – to identify truth and recognise myth, propaganda and downright lies.
- **Presenting what you've learned in a way that makes sense to others** – this may be through the use of graphs, essays or illustrated reports. This also enables you to have confidence in defending your findings.

### Why is studying history valuable?

Can be combined with your other favourite subjects and interests. For example:

- **History plus Art** could lead to work in a gallery or auction house (perhaps via an Art History degree, though there are also opportunities for non-graduates) or you might want to become an architect or architectural technician, specialising in projects involving listed buildings and heritage areas.
- **History plus a keen interest in politics or a desire to make the world a better place** could lead you into a whole range of career directions - local or national politics, charity work, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, or the Civil Service, to name but a few. The Armed Forces are also delighted to get recruits with an interest in history; all regiments are proud of their own history!
- **History plus Media Studies** could lead into print or broadcast journalism

- **History plus Craft skills** could develop into a career in restoration work
- **History plus Leisure & Tourism** could help you find work in the heritage industry (Stately homes, theme parks, etc.)
- **History plus Drama/Theatre Studies** could help you find a role as a costumed guide or re-enactor.
- **History plus administration skills** (e.g. Word Processing, Accountancy, Business Management) could lead to you gaining experience in a variety of business careers then taking this, and your interest in history, into working for a heritage charity, or managing a historic property.

#### **Jobs directly related to your degree:**

- Academic researcher
- Archivist
- Heritage manager
- Historic building inspector/ conservation officer
- Museum education officer
- Museum education officer
- Museum/ gallery curator
- Museum/ gallery exhibitions officer
- Secondary school teacher
- Historian

#### **Jobs where your degree would be useful:**

- Academic librarian
- Archaeologist
- Bank manager
- Broadcast journalist
- Civil service administrator
- Data analyst
- Editorial assistant
- Human resources officer
- Information officer
- Journalist
- Marketing executive
- Policy officer
- Politician
- Politician's assistant
- Police and armed forces
- Solicitor

#### **Which careers attract history students?**

According to a survey carried by the Graduate in 2020, the most popular careers for students of history and philosophy were as follows

| Career                                    | Percentage               |
|---|--------------------------|
| Public sector                             | 8% expressed an interest |
| Law – Barristers                          | 7.3                      |
| Media and advertising                     | 6.5                      |
| Law – Solicitors                          | 6.4                      |
| Banking, insurance and financial services | 3.8                      |

(The above information has been taken from <https://www.history.org.uk/student/module/8671/careers-with-history> and <https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-ideas/what-can-i-do-history-degree>).