History, BA

Career Advancement

Students of history develop an understanding of change that enables them to function as active, well-informed citizens. Because of the geographical breadth required for the degree, history students develop a global consciousness that helps them to understand developments worldwide.

The University of Iowa's history graduates earn admission to the best graduate and professional schools in the country. Employers value history students’ ability to analyze human and social behavior, research pressing problems, and express themselves clearly. Graduates of the department occupy prominent positions in government, business, journalism, law, entertainment, education, the nonprofit sector, library science, social work, and philanthropy, among others. A recent study showed that history graduates with a BA earn more than graduates in any other humanities field.

The Pomerantz Career Center offers multiple resources to help students find internships and jobs.