

Past is Prologue

Bachelor of Arts in History

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Go Study the Past & Shape the Future

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What do Theodore Roosevelt and Conan O'Brien have in common? Or W.E.B. Du Bois and Justice Anthony Kennedy?

They all have history degrees, as do former Chrysler CEO Lee Iacocca, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Annie Proulx, former Senator and peace envoy George Mitchell, Sony Corporation Chairman Sir Howard Stringer and entertainer Steve Carell, to name but a few.

How can one field of study yield graduates who go on to serve society in such a wide range of careers? The answer lies in the core mission of the study of history itself. At SNHU, the history major provides students with the mental discipline needed to succeed in any industry. Students learn to analyze the choices of the past, and how those choices have affected the world we live in today. Moreover, students develop advanced critical thinking and communication skills through intensive examination of the elements of history (among them texts, images, objects, landscapes) and the crafting of contemporary historical arguments based upon those sources.

Stimulating Coursework

Students receive firm grounding in both American and European history, and the program increasingly offers opportunities to study world history and culture as well. After completing courses in Western Civilization and U.S. History, students are free to select from a wide range of offerings including American Environmental History, World War I and World War II, and The Common Good. History majors also take two method-driven courses: Making History, which introduces students to the fundamental questions of how history is “made” by societies, and the Seminar in Historical Research, which provides students the opportunity to craft an original piece of research on a topic of their choosing.

As internship and study abroad experiences allow students to apply classroom learning to the wider world, history majors are encouraged to pursue such opportunities as part of their course of studies. Students have held internships in museums and other historical arenas as well as in more traditional business-related areas. They have also studied abroad in Ireland, Italy, England and other locations.

The Future

History majors can be found in nearly every field of employment, including:

- Lawyers
- Teachers
- Journalists
- Social organizers
- Economists
- Public servants

Whereas some university majors provide specific training linked to only one or two vocations, the history major prepares students for a wide range of career options.

Accreditation

Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs
European Council for Business Education
New England Association of Schools and Colleges
New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission
New Hampshire State Department of Education
for Teacher Certification

“The stimulating nature of the history courses at SNHU greatly improves your analytical reasoning and critical thinking abilities. The knowledge and skills you gain from challenging and thought provoking coursework and discussion not only prepares you for postgraduate education and the workforce, it also allows you to have a better understanding of the world we live in today.”

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