

# HISTORY

A history major promotes critical thinking, provides the basis of informed citizenship, and cultivates a unique skill set applicable to a variety of careers. These include law, business, government, museum and historic site management, research and archives, teaching, and journalism. The major is also excellent preparation for graduate and law school.

## Jenna Radford, '06

Program Coordinator  
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**“Go into a history major with an open mind. There are so many opportunities out there where the kind of thinking and analysis one does as a history major can be useful,” said Radford.**

Radford, who has worked in human resources, higher education, and for an educational nonprofit, says her history coursework helped build skills in critical thinking, analysis, and persistence.

She believes humanities majors like history serve an important role in society. “STEM majors get a lot of attention, but liberal arts and humanities majors will always be in demand because someone has to be able to explain the complex technical concepts in ways that can be easily understood by a variety of audiences, including policymakers,” she said. “This is an area where history majors thrive.”

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS OVERVIEW

- 15 hours of core courses
- 21 hours of electives in U.S., European, and non-Western history



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[meredith.edu/history](https://meredith.edu/history).

## Meredith history majors have found success in a variety of fields.



### 37% BUSINESS

- Global Business Intelligence Product Marketing Manager, SAS Institute
- Privacy Analyst, UNC Health
- Project Manager, Red Hat
- Senior Editor, *Forbes Magazine*
- Vice President, Government Affairs, CRT/Tanaka



### 32% EDUCATION

- Coordinator for Middle Eastern and African Affairs, U.S. Department of Education
- Program Coordinator, Wake Washington Center, Wake Forest University
- Research and Instruction Librarian, Meredith College
- Senior Prospect Research Strategist, Duke University



### 13% GOVERNMENT

- Chief of Client Services, U.S. Army
- Destination Project Manager, City of Asheville
- Director, U.S. EPA Library
- eLearning Developer & Learning Specialist, Los Alamos National Laboratory
- Preservation Planner, Raleigh Historic Development Commission



### 10% MUSEUMS

- Historic Interpreter, N.C. Department of Cultural Resources
- Assistant Registrar, North Carolina Museum of History
- Site Manager, Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson State Historic Site



### 8% LAW

- Assistant District Attorney, Onslow County, N.C
- Attorney, Stephenson Law
- Law Student, Campbell University
- Legal Research Clerk, Supreme Court of Virginia