

What can I do with a degree in...

History



Why Warwick?

- Our graduates are the **most often targeted by the UK's top graduate employers** (*Graduate Market 2017, research conducted by High Fliers Research*)
- In the QS World University Rankings, Warwick is ranked **in the top 25 in the world for employer reputation** (*QS World University Rankings 2016/17*)
- Warwick is **highly ranked in the major university league tables**: 9th overall in the Times and Sunday Times (September 2017); 8th in the Complete University Guide (April 2017); and 8th in the Guardian league table (May 2017)

Employment destinations of our recent graduates*: warwick.ac.uk/whatdowarwickgradsdo.

About History

The disciplinary range and geographical scope of teaching within History is extensive. Whether you take the Renaissance stream or the modern stream you will develop sound subject knowledge. You will learn to assess and analyse large quantities of information taken from historical sources including texts, images and film, and to present well-structured conclusions. We encourage you to develop your own thoughts and arguments, and to critically analyse others before presenting your own case. The range of transferable skills gained studying History make graduates very competitive in the job market, particularly in areas such as law, finance, journalism/media, marketing, public relations, government, teaching, and the heritage industry. Many graduates choose to continue their academic studies at MA and PhD level. As well as building your subject knowledge, our degree courses enable you to develop key skills in independent and critical thinking, presentation and communication, research, leadership and organisation.

What do History graduates do?

Jobs of recent graduates include:

Tax graduate trainee, market research executive, event manager, reporter, sports officer, history teacher, civil servant, business analyst, editorial assistant, recruitment consultant.

Sectors where graduates were working include:

Information and communication, scientific and technical activities, education, art, entertainment and recreation, administrative and retail, financial and insurance activities, human health and social work activities and manufacturing.

Further study undertaken by graduates includes:

Graduate diploma in law, PGCE, Masters subjects including: social and cultural history, comparative public policy, modern history, transnational studies, economic history, social work, religious, international heritage, social and cultural history and psychology conversion

Natasha Clark – Graduated in 2013

History was a great start for my career - I did a joint degree with politics which is consistently used in my job as a political journalist for The Sun, working in Westminster. Knowing the background to our political system, and how we got here, is essential for anyone who works in the media. I was able to study broad modules such as the interdisciplinary Politics, Literature and Ideas in Stuart England which covered the history of newspapers and the spread of stories in England. Alongside that I got to take an in-depth look at the chaos of Britain in the 1970s, which has incredible parallels with the present day. I was able to look across the pond with Reform, Revolt and Reaction in the US and even got the chance to visit China through a module in my first year. In our global world, this is all the more crucial. The critical analysis learned in a History degree is a vital skill for me to consider how information is presented and who it may be intended for - everything we read is biased in some way! Independent study, investigation, and learning how to pick out bits of useful information in long texts and make them understandable, are key qualities for all journalists. History at Warwick gave me a solid grounding and knowledge of our world alongside the analysis and communication skills I use every day in my work as a political reporter.

What do graduate recruiters look for?

- ✓ A good degree from a good university
- ✓ Work experience
- ✓ Involvement in extra-curricular activities
- ✓ The ability to describe and articulate their unique achievements and skills

Opportunities available at Warwick include:

- Academic study skills support
- Careers support from our professionally trained staff
- Opportunities to meet recruiters and attend events
- More than 200 clubs and societies
- Help finding work experience
- Free careers support after graduation

*The government requires all universities to survey graduates six months after they leave to ask about their employment circumstances, through the Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education survey. For some career paths graduates need to gain relevant experience, often at non-graduate level. It may therefore take some graduates longer than others to secure a graduate-level job.