



## Why Study History?

This question and “What can I do with a degree in history” are frequently asked by students who enjoy history but are concerned about employment after college. Perhaps the best answer was given by Aristotle over 2300 years ago when he observed, “If you would understand anything, observe its beginning and its development.”

While the understanding and insight provided by the study of history are reason enough to study the past, prospective students and their parents are understandably concerned about the return on their investment of time and money in a college education. Career opportunities in history are not limited to teaching. Only a tenth of the nation’s history graduates become public school teachers.

Many history graduates find work as advertising executives, analysts, archivists, broadcasters, campaign workers, consultants, congressional aides, editors, foreign service officers, foundation staffers, information specialists, intelligence agents, journalists, legal assistants, lobbyists, personnel managers, public relations staffers, researchers, teachers . . . the list is almost endless and can be explored in greater detail at:

<http://academics.nsuok.edu/history/OpportunitiesinHistory.aspx>

## Why Study History at Northeastern?

Located in the foothills of the Ozark Plateau near the scenic Illinois River, Northeastern State University has been the premiere state institution of higher learning in the region for more than a century. Its graduates have provided leaders throughout the northeastern quadrant of the state and across the nation for five generations.

Northeastern’s history faculty is diverse and experienced and offers stimulating courses on a variety of aspects of American, European, and World history. Most classes, particularly the upper-level courses, have a favorable student-teacher ratio that enables students to get to know their professors. All lower-level courses are taught by professors with terminal degrees or instructors with no less than MA. degrees and years of teaching experience; upper-level classes are taught by Ph.D.s, not graduate students.

The history curriculum stresses ideas and reasoning and hones the analytical and literary skills of students. Both the major and minor are flexible enough to allow students to tailor their studies to suit their individual needs and preferences. Internships are available at area historic sites and museums. Many courses are available online.

For more than a decade Northeastern history students have distinguished themselves with their papers, posters, and electronic studies presented at interscholastic and intramural contests. Articles written by a number of NSU history students have been published in the quarterly journal of the Oklahoma Historical Society.

To read and view the comments of recent graduates about their experience studying history at Northeastern view the link at the bottom of the other side of his flyer. For further information about majoring or minoring in history at Northeastern contact:

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