



THE PATHWAY FROM EDUCATION TO VOCATION

Becoming a Difference Maker in
HISTORY

Why Study **History** at Azusa Pacific University?

APU's history major is rooted in the Christian Liberal Arts tradition, preparing students through the thoughtful study of the past to make good decisions as disciples of Christ for the present and the future. History is a comprehensive discipline within the humanities—it records and explains social development over time, and explores the human condition with all its possibilities and limits. The degree provides a solid foundation in American and world history, geography, research, and writing. It also allows for in-depth study of the student's preferred time periods, regions, and historical themes. The surrounding area is rich with resources for historical research and study, including the Nixon and Reagan presidential libraries, the Huntington Library, the Fort MacArthur museum, the Autry Museum, the Museum of Tolerance, and several Spanish missions. APU's program also offers ample opportunity to study history abroad in Europe, Africa, and South America. The degree prepares students for any and every career path that calls for reasoning, the ability to analyze complex problems, well-developed writing skills, and familiarity with a variety of cultures. History majors leave APU equipped to make decisions grounded in the human experience.

YOU MIGHT CONSIDER A HISTORY MAJOR IF YOU:

- Are intrigued about the human condition
- Are intellectually curious
- Enjoy problem solving
- Want to understand your heritage and identity
- Are concerned with citizenship, moral understanding, justice, and being a good citizen
- Want to understand a changing world
- Enjoy reading, researching, and writing



JENNIFER POWELL '01
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate
United States Air Force

Major Jennifer E. Powell received her J.D. from Willamette University and LL.M. from George Washington University. She now provides legal advice to the wing commander, as well as subordinate units and partner commands. She also served as a Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney General.

“Take advantage of the incredible opportunities APU has to offer, especially the amazing mentorships from faculty.”



KYLE SAWYER '12
Legislative Liaison
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Kyle received his Masters in Public Policy from Georgetown and helped work on the 2015 President's budget proposal for the Department of the Treasury. Now he helps administer the TIGER, EAS, and SCASDP grants within the office of the Undersecretary for Policy.

“Putting others before yourself can earn you a lot of respect in your daily life and career.”

HISTORY MAJORS ARE PREPARED FOR:

- Any and every career
- Prudent decision making based on evidence
- Careful analysis of evidence
- Comprehending different cultures
- Evaluating conflicting interpretations
- Intellectual flexibility
- Understanding the past in order to have better perspective to understand change in the present

GRADUATES IN HISTORY WORK AS:

- CEOs
- Entrepreneurs
- Attorneys
- Journalists
- Sports broadcasters
- Ministers
- Diplomats
- Intelligence officers
- Military officers
- Educators
- Politicians
- Marriage and family therapists
- Editors

**Many of these careers may require additional training and/or graduate education*



JUSTIN BRIGGS '05
Assistant Professor and Clinic Director
Lipscomb University

Through Justin's studies at APU, he developed the ability to think critically, connect the past with the present, and understand the political, socioeconomic, and historical influences on the lives of others. Upon graduation, he went on to receive his Ph.D. from Purdue University.

“History teaches us the importance of hard work and endurance. People who have made the biggest impact on the world are also those who have put forth the greatest effort to accomplish their goals.”

To connect with these and other APU alumni, email clasalumni@apu.edu

STEPS TO TAKE AS A MAJOR IN HISTORY

OPTIONS TO EXPLORE AROUND APU

BE CALLED.

EXPLORE. DEFINE. RESEARCH. LEARN.

- **TAKE WORLD CIVILIZATIONS (HIST 120/121) AND UNITED STATES HISTORY (HIST 151/152)**
Gain an understanding of the trajectories of the human experience from the ancient to the contemporary world.
- **ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND HISTORY**
Participate in conversations about historical analysis, research, and writing.

- **LEARN HOW TO APPLY YOUR STRENGTHS WITHIN YOUR ACADEMICS, LIFE, AND CAREER**
Meet with a Career Consultant* or Strengths Mentor.
- **CONSIDER CAREER OPTIONS FOR YOUR MAJOR**
Meet with a Career Consultant* or your faculty advisor to explore and discuss requirements for your career options.

BE PREPARED.

IDENTIFY. STRENGTHEN. PRACTICE.

- **DEVELOP YOUR RESEARCH AND WRITING SKILLS**
Required of all History majors, Introduction to Historical Studies (HIST300) includes discipline-specific writing components such as how to form an argument, analysis of sources, and evaluating conflicting points of view.
- **SECURE AN INTERNSHIP**
History majors may take Political Science Practicum (POLI399). Examples of potential internship sites are presidential libraries, local historical societies, educational and research institutions such as the Huntington Library, and museums. This allows students to make and build relationships with established researchers and historians.
- **TAKE A FOREIGN LANGUAGE**
Learning and becoming proficient in a foreign language provides a window into another culture. This prepares students to read sources in their original language and research in archives.
- **IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GRADUATE-LEVEL EDUCATION**
Meet with professors to narrow your choices and apply.

- **RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON YOUR INTERVIEWING ABILITIES**
Complete a Mock Interview with a Career Consultant*
- **CREATE A RESUME TO APPLY FOR AN INTERNSHIP**
Meet with a Career Consultant* to review your resume and cover letter. Run them by your professors, too.
- **GROW YOUR SKILLS IN AN ON CAMPUS JOB OR STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITION**
Talk to Student Employment or Student Life about the available opportunities.
- **VOLUNTEER LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY TO SHAPE YOUR PERSPECTIVE**
Talk to the Center for Student Action about how you can serve.
- **GAIN KNOWLEDGE ABOUT YOUR CAREER OPTIONS**
Do informational interviews or go to a career-related event to learn more about your career, degree, and experience requirements.

BE CONNECTED.

JOIN. NETWORK. BE ACTIVE.

- **QUALIFY FOR PHI ALPHA THETA – NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**
Attend events and connect with other members to learn more about the discipline and opportunities in the field.
- **ATTEND ALUMNI PANELS AND EVENTS**
Students have the opportunity to engage with panelists from a variety of industries.
- **JOIN APU CONNECT**
Use the exclusive online networking portal to connect with other alumni.

- **TALK TO ALUMNI FROM YOUR MAJOR**
Join [APUConnect.com](https://apucareer.youcanbook.me/) and start reaching out. You can also email clasalumni@apu.edu* for help connecting with alumni.
- **GET ACTIVE ON LINKEDIN**
Meet with a Career Consultant* to review your profile and learn how to use LinkedIn.
- **ATTEND CAREER-RELATED EVENTS**
Keep an eye out for career events related to your major or that are happening around campus.
- **HAVE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ON HAND**
Request them from professors and advisors at least a month before due.

* Visit apucareer.youcanbook.me/ to make an appointment with a Career Consultant

* Use subject line: Connect me with APU alumni

APPLYING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL

EXPLORE.



Learn more at
www.apu.edu/career/graduateschool

SELECT.

ONLINE RESOURCES TO HELP IDENTIFY THE BEST PROGRAM FOR YOU

[Peterson's Guide](#)
[GradSchools.com](#)
[The Princeton Review](#)
[National Assoc. of Graduate Professional Students](#)
[The Council of Graduate Schools](#)
[APU Pew Society Graduate Guide](#)

EXAMPLES OF SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY APU HISTORY GRADUATES:

[London School of Economics](#)
[University of California at Santa Barbara](#)
[University of California at Riverside](#)
[Northwestern University](#)
[California State University at Fullerton](#)

APPLY.

- APPLICATION FORM AND FEES**
Follow instructions carefully and have one or more people check for errors.
- ENTRANCE ESSAY**
Provide a writing example that shows your personal objectives.
- TRANSCRIPT**
Ask APU to send it directly to the school you are applying to.
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**
Schools usually require three letters, so get them early.
- INTERVIEWS**
If your potential school requests an interview, treat it as a job interview.

FINDING YOUR CAREER

IDENTIFY.

- Search online job boards and professional associations in the History field
- Regularly check-in with your organizations of interest and network with those who can inform you of opportunities
- Look on APU Career Network for possible opportunities

HISTORY ASSOCIATIONS:

[Conference on Faith and History](#)
[American Historical Association](#)
[The Society for French Historical Studies](#)
[Medieval FIDEM Association](#)
[Organization of American Historians](#)
[Society for US Intellectual History](#)
[Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations](#)
[History of Education Society](#)

PREPARE.

BRAINSTORM YOUR EXPERIENCE

What have you done? What is relevant?



TAILOR YOUR RESUME

What does the job description say?



WRITE GOOD BULLET POINTS

Do you focus on your accomplishments?



FORMAT YOUR RESUME

Is it easy to read and follow?



PRACTICE INTERVIEWING

Know yourself.
Know the position.
Know the organization.

RESEARCH OPTIONS

OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

www.bls.gov/ooh/

O*NET ONLINE

www.onetonline.org

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION REFERENCE

www.weddles.com/associations

NETWORK.

WHO DO YOU KNOW?
WHO DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?



WHY NETWORK?

- Learn about different options in your field
- Research companies and positions of interest
- Find hidden opportunities that are not advertised
- Obtain referrals from those who have influence

EXAMPLES OF COMPANIES THAT HIRE APU HISTORY GRADUATES:

The Walt Disney Company
Teach for America
Universal Studios
Rightscale (Cloud Computing Management Solution)
Qualcomm, Inc.
San Bernadino Superior Court
Blackbaud, Inc.
Indiana Wesleyan University
Lipscomb University
Schools throughout the U.S.
U.S. Department of Transportation
U.S. Air Force