History majors uncover the past – its mysteries, tragedies and triumphs. With the benefit of hindsight, you will investigate how previous societies have dealt with common human concerns and evaluate the outcomes. This opportunity to delve into the passions, fears and joys of those who came before us will not only engage your intellect, but will also awaken a greater sense of empathy and sensitivity for others.

Saint Joseph’s history program encourages students to become discerning researchers, critical thinkers, clear writers and historically aware global citizens. Through course work, you will develop your own sense of the past, as well as a familiarity with the political, cultural and institutional developments that have shaped the contemporary world. Faculty members are noted experts in their areas of specialization, regularly publishing books and articles on topics as diverse as the American Civil War and the history of East Asian civilizations. But their primary focus is to provide you with an excellent, personalized education. Students are also encouraged to apply for internships and summer grants to work with historical and government associations.

A history degree affords great flexibility for your future. Graduates pursue careers in education, business, communications and public service. Many also achieve advanced degrees from top law and graduate schools.

**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY MAJOR:**
- Visit the History Major’s Website: [http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/history/index.html](http://www.sju.edu/int/academics/cas/history/index.html)
- Visit the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Support Center, located in Barbelin 122
- Contact the History Department to schedule a meeting with a faculty member by calling 610-660-1892
- Speak with current students in the major
- Schedule an appointment with the [Career Development Center](http://www.sju.edu/careers) at 610-660-3100

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN HISTORY?**
Whatever you put your mind to! You can learn much more at [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org). Following are descriptions of just a few of the careers you might pursue:

**Archivist:** Researches, analyzes, records, and interprets the past as recorded in sources, such as government and institutional records, newspapers and other periodicals, photographs, interviews, films, and unpublished manuscripts, such as personal diaries and letters.

**Curator:** Administers affairs of museum and conducts research programs. Directs instructional, research, and public service activities of institution.

**History Teacher (Postsecondary):** Teaches courses in human history and historiography.

**Paralegal:** Assists lawyers by researching legal precedent, investigating facts, or preparing legal documents. Conducts research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense, or to initiate legal action.
**HOW CAN I ENGAGE MY INTEREST IN HISTORY OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?**

There are so many opportunities to get involved at Saint Joseph’s University and beyond – and to develop experience in your major while doing so! Here are just a few:

Hayes History Journal  
Phi Alpha Theta  
American Historical Association  
Flim and Lecture series

**OUTCOMES – A CLOSER LOOK AT SJU GRADUATES WITH DEGREES IN HISTORY:**

As depicted in the chart below, the majority of new graduates have started their careers in the Government field. Many others have selected a variety of industries. (Data from Saint Joseph’s University Career Development Center’s Post-Graduation Survey, 2008 – 2012.)

Here is a sampling of positions our graduates have accepted:

- Business Process Owner  
- Classroom Teacher  
- Staff Aide for Constituent Work  
- Active Duty Soldier  
- Fulbright Scholar  
- Office Coordinator  
- Clinical Research Coordinator  
- Sales Associate  
- Paralegal  
- Research and Development Associate  
- Admissions Counselor  
- Marketing Communications Specialist  
- Special Education Aide  
- Public Affairs Officer
Organizations that have hired our graduates include:

- American Ironing and Metal
- Atlantic Cape Community College
- Bank of NY Melon
- Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute
- Department of Defense
- Drexel Library
- Forever in Bloom
- Janning Montgomery Scott
- Jesuit Volunteer Corps
- Lacoste
- Lavin, Coleman, O’Neil, Ricci, Finarelli & Gray
- Liberty International
- Lincoln Financial Group
- Manhattan District Attorney’s Office
- Modspace
- North Arlington Board of Education
- Pennsylvania Office of Income Management
- Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office
- Pioneer Academy of Science
- Quakertown Community High School
- RDP Technology
- Regal Entertainment Group
- Saint Joseph’s University
- Society of Jesus - Maryland Province
- The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- The Stanley Works
- Tiff Investment Fund for Foundation
- United States Army
- United States Census Bureau
- United States Congress
- Wissahickon School District

Average Starting Salary – History Majors – Classes of 2008 – 2012

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Some of the graduate schools in which our new graduates have continued their education, in programs including Education, Humanities/Arts, Law, and Medicine/Healthcare:

- Cabrini College
- Coastal Caroline University
- Columbia University
- DePaul University
- Immaculata University
- Millersville University
- Rutgers University
- Saint John’s University
- Temple University
- Thomas Jefferson University
- West Chester University
- Widener University

FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR MAJOR AND CAREER OPTIONS

The Career Development Center can help you with the process of choosing a major and exploring your career options. For assistance, please call 610-660-3100 to schedule an appointment to meet with a Career Counselor.

GETTING THE JOB – SAMPLE HISTORY MAJOR RESUME
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EDUCATION  
SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY Philadelphia, PA May 2014  
Bachelor of Arts Major: History Minor: International Relations & Faith Justice Studies  
• GPA: 3.24/4.00  
• Study Abroad – Louvain Institute for Ireland in Leuven, Belgium September 2012-January 2013  

RELATED EXPERIENCE  
THE JEWISH MUSEUM OF NATIONAL HERITAGE New York, NY May 2013- August 2013  
Lipper Intern  
• Trained to teach Holocaust history in both classroom and museum settings  
• Teach once a week in Philadelphia high schools and middle schools  
• Plan and lead field trips for students to the Jewish Museum of National Heritage

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT Brussels, Belgium Intern to Inese Vaidere, Member of European Parliament, Latvia January 2013-May 2013  
• Created and briefed member of Parliament on reports of minutes from committee meetings  
• Drafted and amended legislation before the Parliament  
• Aided in development of new relations with constituents through creation of mailings

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS Washington, DC May 2012-August 2012  
John W. Kluge Center: Office of Scholarly Programs Intern  
• Assisted in research projects with scholars working on doctoral or post doctoral research  
• Organized specific project research topics electronically  
• Created and developed basic computer lessons for new scholars

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE  
SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY CAMPBELL LIBRARY Philadelphia, PA May 2013- August 2013  
Circulation Desk Student Worker 08/10 – Present  
• Assist students and faculty with basic library needs  
• Create and manage advertisement space for the Saint Joseph’s community  
• Aid in the basic research of developing student and faculty projects

EXTRACURRICULARS  
SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY SERVICE IMMERSION TRIPS Philadelphia, PA September 2010-Present  
Volunteer  
• Participate in week long service trips to the Appalachian region and abroad

SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY NATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY Philadelphia, PA January 2011-Present  
Executive Board  
• Coordinate and manage site leaders for the largest one day service event at Saint Joseph’s

SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE Philadelphia, PA April 2013- Present  
Chair of Greek Life, Athletics, and Security Committee(s)

SAINT JOSEPH’S UNIVERSITY PHI ALPHA THETA Philadelphia, PA April 2013- Present  
Member, National History Honors Fraternity