Q: I love history but what can I do with a history major?

The Short answer is Everything
From business to law, politics to non-profits, teaching to researching, history majors gain the skills necessary to succeed in any profession.

Transferable skills
Some history majors become professional historians, teachers or professors, however, most pursue work in other fields. The reason for this is that majors gain a number of skills that are easily transferred and useful in many careers. In any profession skills such as critical thinking, effective writing, research and problem solving and the ability to communicate coherent arguments orally are integral to future success.

- Critical Thinking Skills: A significant part of any job is making informed decisions based on a critical analysis of facts and information. Looking at things from many perspectives, assessing sources and documents; history majors bring four years of rigorous thinking and analysis to their future careers.

- Writing Skills: Communicating ideas that are well presented and thoughtful is vital for success. History majors have learned the art of careful reading and writing and they bring this well-developed skill set to any job.

- Research and Problem Solving: Research involves asking questions and seeking answers, it requires curiosity and the ability to organize material into a coherent narrative. Researching the origin or root of a policy often provides context to current practice and can bring perspective and insight.

- Oral Communication: In the workplace, it is important to communicate clearly and effectively. Through individual presentations, discussion sections and group projects, students learn the art of verbal communication and develop the ability to speak persuasively.

Careers for History Majors

**Business**
- CEO
- Entrepreneur
- Systems Analyst
- Research Analyst
- Accounts Manager
- Business Manager
- Contract Historian
- Director of Nonprofit Organization

**Government & Law**
- Public Policy Advocate
- Political Strategist
- Foreign Service Officer
- FBI/CIA Agent
- Paralegal
- Corporate Lawyer
- Family Lawyer
- Legal Advocate
- Legislative Staff Assistant
- Public Policy Advisor
- Legal Analyst

**Public History**
- Governmental Historian
- Oral Historian
- Park Service Historian
- Historical Research Associate
- Historic Site Manager
- Historic Preservation Specialist
- Military Historian (each branch of military)

**Libraries**
- Archivist
- Information Manager
- Records Management Associate
- Collections Developer
- Reference Librarian
- Special Collections Librarian

**Museums**
- Curator
- Archivist
- Archives or Record Manager
- Museum Fundraiser
- Collections Specialist
- Museum Educator
- Conservator

**Education**
- Elementary School Teacher
- Secondary School Teacher
- Special Education Teacher
- Professor
- College Administrator
- K-12 Administrator
- Student Services Advisor