

The study of **History** concerns understanding and learning from the past. The term history covers a broad range of career options and job settings. In general, **Historians** study, assess and interpret events to determine what happened and why. They examine court documents, diaries, and letters and newspaper accounts and conduct research, write, teach, evaluate and make recommendations. They interview individuals and study archeological and artifactual evidence.

Some of the more common career choices in the field of history include: **Professional Historians** who research, analyze, interpret the past, and help study and preserve archival materials, artifacts, and historic buildings and sites; **Archivists** who determine what portion of the vast amount of records maintained by various organizations, such as government agencies, corporations, or educational institutions, or by families and individuals, should be made part of permanent historical holdings, and which of these records should be put on exhibit; and **Teachers**. Other related areas include **museums, historical societies, government offices, businesses, media and communications, research and community services**.

Are you interested in American politics? International affairs? Critical issues such as health, the environment, civil rights? Theories concerning the ideal government and how power and resources are allocated in society? Do you want to study these subjects and pursue a career based on your interest? If so, you should consider studying political science.

Political Science is the study of governments and political behavior. A **Political Scientist** might conduct a public opinion survey, analyze election results, analyze public documents, or interview public officials. Most students who study political science do not become professional political scientists, but pursue careers in other areas. Broad areas of interest for political science graduates are **education, government, interest groups, journalism or broadcasting, law, politics, and social and community services**.

Transfer Information:

- A Bachelor's degree is entry-level into many of these professions and a Master's degree or higher may be required for some. Those who want to teach history/social studies at public elementary, middle or secondary schools must have a teaching certificate in addition to a Bachelor's degree.

Additional Information:

- American Historical Association: www.historians.org
- American Association for State and Local History: www.aaslh.org
- American Political Science Association: www.apsanet.org

