HISTORY CAREER PATHS

With an emphasis on international historical perspectives, UMBC’s B.A. in History at the Universities at Shady Grove is designed to provide a broad overview of the human past by exploring how different peoples have built their worlds and made sense of them over time. UMBC History Alumni have enjoyed success in business, government, education, law, and public policy—and as entrepreneurs.

The History Program also offers a minor in public history, a field which brings historians together with partners and audiences to engage in productive conversations about the value and usefulness of the past. The public history minor introduces students to a wide breadth of practices, including historic sites documentation, cultural resources management, historic preservation planning, oral history, museum studies, and digital history.
A NOTE FROM OUR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Admit it. You like history. Maybe it was that teacher who made everyone in your class dress up like medieval peasants, or that movie about Apollo 13, or your grandmother’s stories about working as a riveter during the war. Whatever it was, you’re hooked. “OK, you got me,” you say. “Sure, I enjoy the occasional discussion about the bubonic plague—but how will that help me get a job?”

That is where we come in. Let me tell you about UMBC’s History Program at The Universities at Shady Grove. We will help you turn your thirst for history into a Bachelor of Arts degree that will open doors to a variety of careers. Engaged, experienced, and talented professors will give you a broad overview of the human past by leading you in explorations of how different peoples have built worlds and made sense of them over time. In addition, your instructors will help you acquire several practical and eminently marketable skills: how to read analytically, how to write clearly, and how to think critically.

Our students can also complete a minor in Public History, a field that engages historians and broader audiences in productive conversations about their shared past. Students will take classes and complete an internship that give them experience in such fields as historical preservation, oral history, museum studies, and digital history.

So go ahead—surrender to your historical passion! From the performing arts through the liberal arts and on to the “art of the deal,” history majors from UMBC have the background and the training to make their own histories.

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LAW/LAW ENFORCEMENT PATH
- Correctional Caseworker
- Paralegal
- Court Appointed Special Advocate
- Legal Assistant
- Legal Secretary
- Museum Guard
- Police Officer
- Probation Officer

LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL AGENCIES PATH
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Contract Administrator
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- FBI/CIA Agent
- Foreign Service Officer
- Officer Candidate - Military
- Peace Corps Worker
- Program Evaluator
- Program Specialist
- Public Affairs Specialist
- Records Manager/Analyst
- Researcher

PRESERVATION/ARCHIVAL/CURATORIAL PATH
- Armorer Technician
- Asst. Museum Curator
- Assistant Registrar/Preparator
- Conservation Technician
- Display Manager
- Education Specialist/Coord.
- Exhibit Designer
- Fundraiser/Grant Writer
- Gallery Research Technician
- Museum Attendant/Guard
- Museum Educator
- Museum/Gallery Asst.
- Museum Guide
- Museum Teacher
- Museum Technician
- Property Disposal Officer
- Programs Coordinator

HISTORICAL | ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES | ARTS & HUMANITIES COUNCILS | NATIONAL & STATE ARCHIVES | MUSEUMS
- Education Coordinator
- Grant Proposal Reviewer
- Historic Site Interpreter
- Interpretive Guide
- Site Guide/Park Ranger
- Volunteer Coordinator

PUBLIC POLICY PATH
- Campaign Staffer
- Committee Staff Person
- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Constituent Aide
- Field Worker
- Legislative Correspondent
- Legislative Research Asst.
- Press Assistant
- Staff Assistant

POLICY ORGANIZATIONS (ISSUE-ORIENTED/ADVOCACY/NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS)
- Asst. Field Representative
- Community/Field Organizer
- Convention Organizer
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Legislative Liaison
- Meetings Coordinator
- Membership Coordinator
- Office Manager
- Political Organizer
- Program Developer/Coord.
- Project Manager
- Public Opinion Interviewer

RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS (ISSUE-ORIENTED/NON-PROFITS/NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS)
- Information Specialist
- Project Assistant
- Public Policy Analyst
- Research Associate