

# HISTORY

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## Program Description

The study of history provides students with vital skills in critical thinking, oral and written presentation of ideas, an understanding of cause and effect relationships, and historical context to assess contemporary issues. Graduates of the History program come prepared to enter the workforce in a variety of areas.

History majors work closely with their advisor to create a program that balances upper-division course offerings in U.S., European, and World History, where students learn to make thematic connections across time and varied cultures. Our graduates take numerous paths to law or graduate school, as well as careers in education, library sciences, archival management, journalism/mass media, politics, non-profit work, and government. Some recent graduates have gone on to attend law or graduate school at Colorado State University, the University of Denver, the University of Oregon, and Rutgers University. Internship opportunities allow our students to participate in experiential learning while continuing to take classes. Recent interns have worked at the Museum of the West, Tomlinson Library Special Collections, Palisade Historical Society, the Atomic Legacy Cabin, and in all of the middle and high schools of District 51. Many former students received offers of employment following successful experiences within their internships. History majors can also gain leadership experience serving in an advisory role in Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honors society.

There are numerous program options from which students can select, including history, history/secondary education, and minors in history and public history. The Center for Teacher Education offers a comprehensive program of study that leads to licensure in Colorado. Faculty offer one-on-one guidance for course selection, field placements, student teaching, and employment. Students accumulate over 200 hours of classroom experience before beginning student teaching. School districts throughout western Colorado provide opportunities to gain experience with children of all ages and backgrounds in a variety of school settings. The Public History minor incorporates classes that prepare students for the professional skills needed in museum management and curatorial work, including the study of material culture, digital history, leadership and professionalism, and proper preservation of archival collections.

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## Programs of Study Bachelors/Minors

- [Education: Secondary Education, History \(BA\)](#)
- [History \(BA\)](#)
- [History \(Minor\)](#)
- [Public History \(Minor\)](#)