

The History Major at Keene State College

The KSC History Department is known for its diverse and challenging courses. In addition we offer two innovative programs of special opportunities, an Honors Program and an Internship Program. .

In the **History Honors Program** students create their own independent research and writing projects and work closely with their supervising professors over the course of a year to bring their projects to completion.

The **History Department Internship Program** offers five exciting tracks. In partnership with nearby historical societies, KSC's Mason Library and Cohen Center, and the NH State Conservation and Rescue Archeology Program we offer the following:

1. Archeology. Join a crew excavating a NH archeological site and cataloging its artifacts for two to six weeks in the summer.
2. Archival Work. Catalog and digitize collections of artifacts such as photos, letters, and diaries and perhaps assist in developing a museum exhibit.
3. Advanced Archival Work. Train with a professional archivist and then work in a local archive.
4. Archival Work for the Classroom. Create lesson plans and curriculum kits for local schools using documents and artifacts.
5. Oral History. Learn how to conduct an oral history project and work in the oral history collection of an archive.

What KSC History alumni say about the History Department. In a recent survey of History alumni, 95% said they used skills they had learned as a History major in their workplace. And they praised the individualized attention given to students, the expertise of the faculty, and the diversity of course offerings. Typical comments regarding the strengths of the department included:

- Passion for history and for seeing their students' success. Doors always open.
- The caliber and scholarship of the faculty and the willingness to go above and beyond to help students.
- Variety of topics, excellent professors
- They really challenged us to think and analyze efficiently. This has had a great impact on my life outside of school.

KSC History majors are prepared for a wide range of excellent careers in fields such as teaching, business, entrepreneurship, banking, management, politics, government, and law. A sampling from a recent survey found KSC History alumni working in diverse venues, for example as a public defender, a museum curator, a marketing director, a bank vice president, the state director of a presidential campaign, and a farm manager.

KSC History majors are prepared for graduate programs. Our alumni have gained admissions to prestigious programs and earned a range of advanced degrees in the humanities, business, divinity school, and law. A short sampling follows:

Admissions to Ph.D. programs

William and Mary
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of Chicago
Drew University
Boston College
University of Wisconsin at Madison

Admissions to Masters Programs:

Boston College
Syracuse University
George Mason University
Tufts University
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
McGill University

Admissions to Law Schools

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| Yale Law School | Univ. of Wisconsin Law School | University of Virginia Law School |
| Franklin Pierce Law School | Columbia Law School | Suffolk University Law School |
| Harvard Law School | Michigan Univ. Law School | Western New England School of Law |

Lifelong Benefits of a History Major

The study of history provides students with skills for a productive professional career and as well for an intellectually fulfilling life. A history major learns:

- To think and read critically and analytically
- To form conclusions and nuanced opinions based on logic and evidence and taking into account complexity and counterevidence.
- To communicate ideas effectively
- To acquire a body of knowledge and perspectives that will enable you to understand contemporary events and trends and to understand and appreciate the various cultures and civilizations that make up the world community