

**TYPICAL COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS DEMONSTRATED
HISTORY MAJOR – MESSIAH COLLEGE**

- ✓ Ability to conduct research and synthesize ideas
- ✓ Ability to clarify problems or situations
- ✓ Ability to document a conclusion and present it clearly and logically
- ✓ Ability to interpret both past and present events
- ✓ Ability to read carefully and extract relevant data
- ✓ Ability to discern long-term developmental trends within complex data
- ✓ Ability to assess conflicting interpretations of data
- ✓ Critical thinking, analytical thinking, and problem solving skills
- ✓ A broad knowledge of economics, social dynamics, political events, cultural formation and the interactions between these forces in history
- ✓ Communication proficiency (both oral and written forms)
- ✓ Organization (of information and people)
- ✓ Proficiency for accurate details
- ✓ Appreciation of ethical concerns
- ✓ Interpersonal relations skills
- ✓ Leadership and management skills

What kinds of sites typically host history majors?

- Archives
- Museums
- Historical Libraries and Societies
- Historical Preservation
- Historical Research
- Public History

For more information about the Messiah College History Department:
www.messiah.edu/history