

History and Careers

What subjects can go well with History when considering a career?

- Politics – both History and Politics require similar analytical and argumentative skills
- English - for those seeking to follow a career in journalism, History would be one of the best subjects to accompany English at A Level
- RE - both History and RE require similar analytical and argumentative skills
- French – the literary and writing skills required for the study of modern languages and for the study of History are very similar
- Spanish
- German
- Business Studies - both History and Business Studies require an in-depth understanding of the world around you and effective analysis of statistical data. Business Studies and History are a very common combination at the College
- Geography – both History and Geography require an in-depth understanding of the world around you and effective analysis of statistical data
- Travel and Tourism - both History and Travel and Tourism require an in-depth understanding of the world around you
- Law – the analytical skills required for the study of History and of Law at A-Level are very similar
- Critical Thinking - both History and Critical Thinking require similar analytical and argumentative skills
- Psychology – History, like Psychology, requires an understanding of why people make particular decisions and take particular actions

What other subjects can be used effectively with History when considering a career?

- Health and Social Care – Social Care is a career which History graduates often pursue
- Computer Studies – History and Information Technology can combine very effectively. For example, use of the internet is a growing part of historical research
- PE

What type of careers would History give me valuable training for?

Recent research has shown that the following careers are most commonly pursued by History graduates and those who study History at school:

- The Law
- Politics
- Business
- Banking
- Marketing
- Insurance
- Journalism
- Publishing
- Accountancy
- Social Care and caring jobs
- Civil Service
- Clerical jobs
- The ministry
- Teaching
- Research jobs
- Police
- The armed forces
- Archaeology
- Archivist/Librarian/Museum work
- Travel and tourism

What skills do I learn in my study of History that would help me do my job better?

Here are just a few examples of how the study of History can help advance in particular careers:

Business

At a recent conference attended by Lurgan College staff at the Armagh City Hotel, a number of local employers (particularly those from the world of business) listed their key requirements for employees. Many of these can be acquired or improved through the study of History. These include:

- Communication skills – both written and verbal
- The ability to use Information Technology effectively
- The ability to work with others
- Inter-personal skills
- The ability to process large amounts of information and select the relevant parts
- Organisation of information

- Research skills are another historical skill useful in the world of business

The Law

- Communications skills – verbal and written
- The analysis of documents
- The ability to debate issues
- Research skills
- The ability to process large amounts of information and select the relevant parts
- Organisation of information

Journalism

- Communications skills – verbal and written
- The ability to form a clear argument
- Research skills
- The ability to question and analyse
- The ability to process large amounts of information and select the relevant parts
- Organisation of information

Remember:

Fit careers around subjects you **know** you are **good at** and **enjoy**, rather than fitting subjects into a career