


# History

# Careers



**H**istorians study the historical aspects of human society. Their research helps us understand the different ways in which individuals and groups make decisions, exercise power and respond to change. Historians research, analyze and interpret the past. They use many sources of information in their research, including government and institutional records, newspapers and other periodicals, photographs, interviews, films and unpublished manuscripts such as personal diaries and letters to build a picture of past events. Historians usually specialize in a specific country or region; in a particular time period; or in a particular field, such as social histories. Other historians help study and preserve archival materials, artifacts and historic buildings and sites.

There are a number of fields that require education, training and personal qualities similar to those of historians. If you earn a degree in history it may be a good foundation for a career as a lawyer; reporter or correspondent; social worker; middle and high schools; college or university faculty; counselor; research assistant; administrative aide or management or sales trainee.

## Job Outlook

Many historians work as researchers, administrators and counselors for a wide range of employers, including federal, state, and local governments, educational institutions, hospitals, research and testing services and management and public relations firms. Other employers include social service agencies, international organizations, associations, museums, historical societies and computer and data processing firms. In addition, many teach in colleges and universities, and in secondary and elementary schools.

Many history graduates find good employment opportunities in areas where their research, communication and diversified skills can be put to good use. Prospects are best for those with advanced degrees, and generally are better in disciplines such as economics and psychology, which offer more opportunities in nonacademic settings.

## Earnings

According to the National Association of Colleges Employers, people with a bachelor's degree in a history received starting offers averaging about \$25,000 a year. In the federal government, those with a bachelor's degree and no experience could start as high as \$24,000 a year. Those with a master's degree could start at about \$30,000, and those having a doctorate could begin at almost \$36,000. Some individuals with experience and an advanced degree can start at well more than \$40,000.

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## Educational Opportunities in History at LCCC

### *Associate of Arts*

The associate of arts is for students who want to pursue bachelor's degrees in history by completing the first two or more years at LCCC. Students completing the associate of arts degree may transfer with junior (or higher) standing to the four-year university or college of their choice.

Students may also select the associate of arts degree if they wish to complete the first two or more years of a bachelor's degree program at LCCC in program fields such as fine art, computer art, graphic design, liberal arts, business, music, political science, psychology, social work, sociology, theater, urban studies, elementary education and secondary education.

There are virtually no limitations to the programs that can be pursued as LCCC can customize associate of arts programs to meet the transfer college/university's requirements. The associate of arts program may be completed in two years, if taken on a full-time basis. Many students choose to study on a part-time basis.

Students in the associate of arts program complete courses in:

- English
- Economics, geography, history, political science, psychology or sociology
- Art, humanities, music, philosophy or theater
- Astronomy, biology, chemistry, mathematics, physics or physical science

Students in the associate of arts program may also select electives, or complement their curriculums, by choosing from courses in such areas as business administration, communications, computer information systems, computer programming, education, French, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish and urban studies.

Ashland University is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). This accreditation includes the basic and advanced levels of professional education programs offered at the institution

Graduate courses are generally taught in late afternoon or evenings so that candidates may hold full- or part-time jobs while doing the course work. Courses are taught by qualified faculty from the various colleges/departments and are designed to provide the candidate with the necessary background in educational concepts, planning, teaching styles, classroom management, and area content. Classroom field experiences are included and scheduled early in the program to provide actual classroom experience. Student teaching is taken near the end of the program. The length of time needed to complete the program is dependent upon the number of courses to be taken by individuals based on their pre-admittance evaluation.

## Educational Opportunities through LCCC's University Partnership

### *Bachelor of Science in Education*

#### *Middle Childhood Licensure (Grades 4-9)*

The Ashland education program is based on current research, effective practice and dynamic collaborative relationships among Ashland faculty, pre-K through 12th-grade teachers and administrators. The program is implemented through diverse experiences in university classes, field/clinical experiences, model sites and professional development centers. Ashland University believes that a professional educator is a reflective practitioner who links practice with theory in the following ways:

- Works cooperatively and collaboratively with all members of the educational community
- Communicates clearly and effectively through a variety of means
- Demonstrates understanding of human development, cultural diversity, socio-economic influences and learning differences, thereby enabling all children to learn and contribute
- Employs research in areas such as learning theory and instructional methodology
- Uses a variety of appropriate assessment techniques to enhance learning
- Masters appropriate disciplines so as to engage students in meaningful, active academic study
- Integrates educational technology in the teaching and learning process
- Assumes the lifelong responsibility to grow academically, professionally and personally

### *Bachelor Plus in Graduate Education for Teacher Licensure*

The bachelor plus program is a graduate program designed to provide initial teacher licensure to people who hold bachelor degrees from accredited colleges or universities in fields other than education. The bachelor plus program is fully state-approved and leads to teacher licensure by the Ohio Department of Education. Some course work earns graduate credit. However, some undergraduate courses are necessary in each program teaching area.

## About Lorain County Community College

Lorain County Community College is one of Ohio's leading colleges delivering distance learning education via the Internet. The College has expanded its delivery of programs and services through the 2001 opening of the LCCC Learning Center in Lorain. Partnerships with Lorain County's K-12 school districts have also led to important developments for the community. More than 700 high school students participate in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program by enrolling in LCCC classes, making LCCC the state's largest community college provider of PSEO. More than 35 percent of Lorain County's top high school graduates choose to attend LCCC.

LCCC is one of Ohio's fastest growing colleges because of the variety of learning opportunities it provides. Students can choose from more than 80 educational programs. Students can complete the first half — and sometimes more — of a bachelor's degree. The University Partnership brings eight universities to the LCCC campus to offering 30 bachelor's and master's degree programs. With the University Partnership at LCCC, the College partners with the state's finest universities to bring the best in bachelor's and master's degree programs right to the LCCC campus. Students can earn degrees that get them jobs immediately. Students can upgrade, retrain and improve current life skills. Students can learn in the classroom, at home and over the Internet.

LCCC offers a complete college experience. We understand that there's more to college life than attending classes. We offer many of the programs, sports, and activities available at large four-year universities and colleges. But, students will not have to stand in line behind juniors and seniors in the classroom, on the playing field, or in leadership positions. Students can immediately act in a play, sing in a musical group, serve as editor for the college newspaper, plan social activities, compete on the playing field, or set policy as a student government member.

In addition to providing a great education for those who enter college with aspirations of a degree, LCCC helps those who have changed their career goals, who want to broaden their horizons, and who want to return to work. LCCC provides learning and training for those who want to move up but find they need new or improved skills for the kind of professional opportunities they seek.

LCCC faculty is recognized locally and nationally for their work as professors and in other areas. They all have advanced degrees and real-world experience and understand their primary responsibility at LCCC is to teach classes. Classes are small. Individual attention is plentiful.

An LCCC education, as the slogan says, leads students into "real jobs and real futures." To find out more, call (800) 995-LCCC or visit LCCC's Connections Center or the LCCC Learning Center in Lorain for all of your enrollment service needs, including admissions, registration, advising and counseling.



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