

Skills one learns from studying History

- ◆ **Effective writing skills**
Vital to any job for which a college degree is a necessity; effective writing means the ability to successfully and precisely communicate one's ideas in text.
- ◆ **Research skills**
Vital to any job, research skills mean the ability to understand past practices and policies and to trace the roots of any issue, to find new information which bears on that issue, and to incorporate that information into one's analysis of an issue.
- ◆ **Critical analysis skills**
Vital to the decision-making process for any job, critical analysis means the ability to analyze a situation and come up with creative and practical solutions.
- ◆ **Curiosity and inquisitiveness**
Vital to any position, curiosity and inquisitiveness mean the desire to learn more and to continue learning, to examine reasons behind issues, and to come to understand them as part of a continual, life-long, education process.
- ◆ **Interdisciplinary thinking and training**
Vital to any position, interdisciplinary thinking and training means the ability to think about a problem in a multitude of ways, to analyze it using multiple tools, and to provide solutions which draw from different traditions of thought.

Undergraduate Programme

History Major

History Minor

History Special

History & Archaeology Major

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History & Heritage Studies Major

History Major & Law Minor

History Major with a Minor in International Relations

Tourism Management Special with Heritage Studies Courses

International Relations Major with History Minor



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What can I do with a degree in History, Archaeology or Heritage Studies?



The Job Market and You

Heritage Preservation

Museums
Archives
Memory Bank
ACIOJ/Preservation of folk culture
Archaeological Preservation (especially History, Archaeology and Heritage Studies)
Companies dedicated to heritage preservation
Jamaica National Heritage Trust
National Environmental Protection Agency
Redevelopment Projects (current)
Port Royal
Falmouth
Cultural Resource Management
Archaeological Impact Assessment

International Agencies

UNESCO
United Nations/UNICEF
British Council

Heritage Tourism

Managing sites of historical interest
Creating heritage businesses
Operating heritage tours
Management and operation of flora and fauna tours
Farm tours

Private Sector Companies

Banking and Commercial Sector (Business History an advantage)
Mining Companies (contract historians/archaeologists for risk assessment and land use history)
Public Relations

Education

Planning
Lecturing at tertiary institutions
Research post at universities
Teaching in schools

Governmental Ministries/Agencies

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Ministry of Information and Culture
Ministry of Housing

Multimedia and Communication

Writing of commissioned histories
Journalism
Research
Documentaries

Environmental Tourism

Management and operation of flora and fauna tours
Farm tours



A degree in History, Archaeology and Heritage Studies provides our graduates with the ability to gain employment in private or public sector jobs which emphasize strengths such as:

- ◆ Experience in research methodology
- ◆ Information management
- ◆ Critical thinking/analytical skills aimed at problem solving
- ◆ Critical analysis of all kinds of written, numerical and visual texts
- ◆ Oral and written communication skills
- ◆ Understanding of the past as a means of appreciating national identities and cultures and explaining current global trends.