

An Exeter graduate in History will typically have the ability to:

- critical reasoning and analytical skills, including the capacity for solving problems and thinking creatively, often through extensive reading;
- intellectual rigour and independence, including the ability to conduct research using different types of tools, such as information and communications technology, and sources;
- the ability to construct an argument by selecting and ordering relevant evidence and then to communicate findings in a structured, clear and persuasive manner;
- · oral presentation skills and writing skills;
- additional communication skills, such as negotiating, questioning and summarising;
- self-motivation and self-reliance with the ability to work without direct supervision and manage time and priorities effectively;
- the ability to conduct a piece of independent research;
- the ability to discuss ideas in groups, accommodating different ideas and reaching agreement;
- the capacity to think objectively and approach problems and new situations with an open mind;
- an appreciation of the different factors that influence the activities of groups and individuals in society.

Did you know that graduates of this subject develop skills in analysis, communication and creativity?

All the skills listed above could potentially be incorporated into your CV, application form or job interview.

What can you do with your degree?

A first degree in History provides strong, transferable skills that can be utilised across a variety of careers as well as further study. Specific knowledge gained from studying History is important if you want to wish to pursue a career in teaching, museums and archives.

These are examples of the destinations of recent graduates from the History course(s) at Exeter, who were surveyed six months after graduation:

Employment

- Analyst, Accenture, London
- Market Researcher, Compass Group, Uxbridge
- Management Accountant, NHS, Winchester
- · Officer Cadet, Ministry of Defence, Sandhurst
- Strategic Analyst, Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, Fareham
- Assistant Visitor Services Manager, National Trust, Stourhead
- Production Assistant, Scotts of Stow, Swindon
- Foreign Expert, British Council, Guan Dong, China
- Auditor, Audit Commission, Bolton and CIPFA Accountancy Training

Further study

- PGCE Primary, University of Exeter
- MA Medieval Studies, King's College, London
- MA Journalism, Cardiff University
- MA Social Work, University of Birmingham
- MSc Global Politics, London School of Economics
- MA History, University of Exeter
- PGDip Local Government Management, University of Warwick
- Graduate Diploma in Law

What next?

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The Exeter Award will give you recognition for developing your employability by participating in many of the activities above.

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