

What can you do with a degree in History? ANYTHING YOU WANT.



Farha Tahir, '09

Program Officer, National Endowment for Democracy

At first glance, my job looks like any other office job. I sit at a desk, go through emails, and spend much more of my day in meetings than I probably should. And, in some ways, my job can be fairly "normal." But the fun part of my job isn't what I do, but what I get to do. I work for an organization that advises governments all over the world on how to be more democratic and better respond to citizens' needs. The real fun rarely happens at my desk, but when I go abroad: training government officials and political parties, talking to youth leaders, and meeting with citizen groups. It's in those settings where I get to roll up my sleeves and support them in creating the governments they want. Whether preparing for an election, advising political parties, or facilitating greater women's participation in politics, my history major comes in handy almost every day.

It only took one survey of American history course to convince me of the discipline's value. History made the world a more meaningful place, and I knew right away that I was happier when the world had more meaning. After college, I started to care deeply about food, and then, more specifically, about chocolate. Eventually, thanks to curious, intelligent people - affiliated with UW, I might add - I made connections that allowed me to turn my obsession into a tiny but growing business. Today, I have a real shot at making chocolate for a living.

Will Marx, '11

Owner, Wm Chocolates



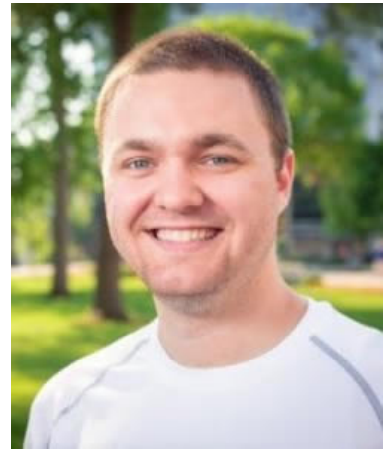
Teague Mawer, '11

Director of Budget and Planning, UW Colleges

I manage a total budget of almost \$140 million and lead strategic planning and budget development efforts across 13 two-year liberal arts transfer campuses. Although policy analysis was a bit of a departure from singing opera and studying colonial history, the skill set I gained during undergrad enabled me to appreciate the interdisciplinary connections along my path. My history coursework broadened my worldview, improved my critical thinking skills, and ignited a passion for sound public policy based on historical understanding. I felt that studying history was a way to understand our common humanity and learn how to become better citizens of the world.

Bryant Plano, '13
Developer Support, iconic.io

There's actually a lot of relevance to my job that comes from my history major. The most relevant part overall is definitely communication. Being able to document work, present information to customers/colleagues or simply send an email to someone is the basis of many jobs. The history major prepares you very well for that. I also find that the ability to recall information is extremely useful. I take notes daily on my work which is useful when I have meetings with my manager, because I know exactly what I've been working on and can easily demonstrate what I've been doing.



Mike Beland, '01

Consultant, Deloitte and Touche and Adjunct
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Prior to working in the private sector and working in academia, I was appointed by President Obama to be a chief of staff and senior counselor at the Department of Homeland Security. I also served as an attorney for the Committee on Homeland Security in the U.S. House of Representatives. My study in the History Department encouraged me to be active in our politics. More than anything, my study of history at UW taught me that, as a society, we are not guaranteed a happy ending. We need to work together to build the outcomes we seek to achieve and they are not preordained. That work requires effort, tolerance, and vigilance. In that regard, studying history at UW not only prepares us for our careers but the most important position in government—citizen.

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