

History Degree – WSU Global Campus

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JENNIFER THIGPEN: If we as a society have a shared collective past, that shapes who we are as a people, as a group. And our memory of the past can guide how we behave in the present. And historians have a particular role in that in that we interpret the past, and we make a usable past so that society can decide how we want to move ahead based on the things that we have done in the past and our experience of that past. So I think that's a way that we can think about what historians do and what our value is in society.

Our online degree looks very similar to the campus degree. The courses are just as rigorous. The students meet the same requirements. We are staffed by research active faculty and faculty who are really committed to teaching. We also engage in an ongoing process of auditing our courses and making sure that they're up to date and cutting edge and that we are using the most current methods for online learning.

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History is a great degree for undergraduates because the skills that students gain in the History program can be really applied to a variety of careers. A number of students go on to graduate school to become archives and librarians, or they seek out a teaching degree. Some become attorneys eventually.

Some of our undergraduates also do things like work for the government. We have students who have worked for historical societies. So students really can apply their skills as researchers, their information literacy, their critical thinking. These are all things that employers are looking for, and they're all things that students practice in a history course.

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