



BENEDICT

HISTORY

ABOUT MY MAJOR

In the History major, we study the past and why we think that it's important, as well as what we can learn from the past because those who don't learn from history tend to repeat it. It is a major that does a lot of research. I like learning things and history is full of things to learn. I also like how open history is. People think that we just discuss what happened, but we also go more in-depth into topics and have really good conversations. There are many different career paths too!

CHOOSING MY MAJOR

During my freshman year, I wanted to major in something that I'm good at and I enjoyed history. Sophomore year, I took introductory history classes and decided that was what I wanted to do. It helped to talk with other history majors and professors.

I liked my History of Ireland class where I learned about Irish history and how awful England was to them. My favorite part was the professor! The culture in Ireland is fascinating and it makes me want to visit.

MINORS & CERTIFICATES

Having an Anthropology minor would work well. There are also lots of certificates you can earn with the History major, like the Museum Studies certificate, which prepares you to work in museums.

INTERNSHIPS

I didn't complete an official internship, but one of the required introductory courses that all History majors take is Introduction to Public History. This class required that I spend 15 hours completing a field experience with various things. I worked at the Cedar Falls Historical Society and at the Rod Library. I would listen to tapes and jot down when the topic changed and what they were talking about during that.

CAREERS

I'm hoping to either be a public librarian or a research reference librarian. I'd like to do what the librarians in Rod Library do. At first, I was interested in pursuing my doctorate to become a professor, but decided that Library Sciences seemed more interesting to me.