History Major/Minor and Career Development Checklist
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First Year:

- Take your first college history course!
- Check out the History Department website and “like” the CSB/SJU History Department Facebook page to stay up to date with department events so you don’t miss events described here.
- Attend “Enjoy History? Discover Careers” panel with CSB/SJU history alums at Career Expo on the first Wednesday in November. If you are enrolled in the special section of HIS 142 for majors, you will go with your class.
- Attend the spring advising sessions in the History Department and meet your new History advisor, assigned during the second semester of your first year. Your advisor will help you choose fall semester courses, make a four-year plan, and answer any other academic questions.

Sophomore Year:

- Take History 200: Sophomore Colloquium for majors/minors in fall or spring semester. Topics vary but the colloquium focuses on analyzing primary sources.
- Before each registration period, you will meet with your History advisor to make sure you are on track with requirements for the major and the common curriculum and to plan for study abroad and other opportunities.
- Informational Interviews: In History 200, you will work with Career Services to begin to explore some career interests. To do this, all students conduct informational interviews with our alumnae/alumni whose careers appeal to you. Learn if a particular career is for you, identify opportunities to take advantage of while in college to prepare for a career, and begin to make connections in the field.
- Start to think about internship possibilities, perhaps even for the summer of your sophomore year, by attending the History Internship Workshop in early October.
- Attend “Enjoy History? Discover Careers” panel with CSB/SJU history alums at Career Expo on the first Wednesday in November. If you are enrolled in History 200 in the fall, you will go with your class. Even if you attended previously, we invite different alums each year, so you will hear about new careers.
- Make your formal application to the History major!
- Talk to your History advisor about specific study abroad and internship options. For summer internships, know that it doesn’t need to replace paid work. Many internship sites will be flexible about scheduling hours.
- Attend the History résumé writing workshop to learn how to develop a résumé for summer internships and study abroad.
- Attend the History Department’s Graduate School workshop: learn what careers require a graduate degree, think about what you might need to do now to prepare for graduate school in fields such as law, museum studies, library and information science, public history, and others.
Junior Year:

- Take HIST 395: Historiography and Methods in fall or spring semester. Topics vary but all will focus on reading secondary literature on a focused topic. H395 incorporates a résumé writing workshop to update your résumé and to learn how to talk about the skills you have developed in your coursework for internships, study abroad, and summer work.

- Before each registration period, you will meet with your History advisor to make sure you are on track with requirements for the major and the common curriculum and to plan for study abroad and other opportunities.

- Prepare for a summer internship! Attend the History Department Internship Workshop in early October. This workshop focuses on preparing students for DC Summer Internships as well as HMML internships, Jackson and Eichten fellowships, and internships at local organization in the coming summer. Many of the deadlines for internships and for funding for internships are in the late fall.

- Attend “Enjoy History? Discover Careers” panel with CSB/SJU history alums at Career Expo on the first Wednesday in November. Even if you attended in previous years, we invite different alums each year, so you will hear about new careers.

- Attend the History Department’s Graduate School workshop during spring semester. If you plan to apply for graduate study in your senior year, now is a good time to start your preparations and learn about degree programs in law, museum studies, library and information science, public history, and others.

- Prepare to take any tests required for graduate school such as LSAT, GRE, and MCAT over the summer between junior and senior year.

Senior Year:

- Take History 399: Senior Thesis in fall or spring semester. You will write a substantial research paper on a topic of your choice and work one-on-one with a faculty member with expertise in that field.

- Attend “Enjoy History? Discover Careers” panel with CSB/SJU history alums at Career Expo on the first Wednesday in November. Even if you attended in previous years, we invite different alums each year, so you will hear about new careers.

- Attend a History résumé-writing workshop to revise your résumé by learning how to explain the skills you developed in your History courses, your study abroad and/or internship experiences for employment.

- If you are thinking of graduate school sometime in the future, attend the History Department’s Graduate School workshop during spring semester to learn about degree programs in law, museum studies, library and information science, public history, and others.