

# HISTORY

*“How do these pieces of evidence fit together? What story do they tell? Why have people fought and loved in different ways in different times? These are the big questions history taught me to answer. The result is I’ve fed my soul while also preparing to tackle complex problems in my career after college.”*

**- Madelaine from Harrogate, Tennessee**



## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Graduates receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in History. A minor is also available. Students might pair their History major with a minor in other social sciences like Education Studies, African and African American Studies, Appalachian Studies, Asian Studies, and/or Women’s and Gender Studies.

## OPPORTUNITIES & INTERNSHIPS

- The Special Collections and Archives division of Hutchins Library offers practical experience in arranging, describing, and preservation of archival and manuscript materials documenting Berea College and Southern Appalachia.
- The Artifacts and Exhibits Studio at the Appalachian Center offers experience in working with historical artifacts and images, and presenting history through exhibits. In addition to work positions during the academic year, the studio offers paid summer internships (which can be done for academic credit in History).
- Two student organizations are unique to the history department. The History Club sponsors social and intellectual events, including trips and talks by local speakers. Phi Alpha Delta, the National History Honor Society recognizes academic achievement in history, and sponsors conferences, scholarships, and a journal.

- Students master several critical skills to their overall education and burgeoning careers. They include persuasive writing and speaking, complex problem solving, research and investigation techniques, as well as foreign language reading and speaking.

## CAREERS & OUTCOMES

Berea History graduates, distinguished by their labor position experience and hands on work with Appalachian archives, artifacts, and exhibits find employment in a wide variety of career fields including:

- Law
- Library & information science
- Museums & historic preservation
- Documentary film
- Journalism
- Teaching
- Non-profit foundations
- Politics



## WHY IS A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION VALUABLE?

A liberal arts education at Berea College, combined with our work study program, equips students with highly employable skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork. Beyond offering a degree program, we help our students develop social responsibility and prepare them to successfully navigate diversity, change, and the complex demands of a modern work place.



80

percentage of employers who want colleges to emphasize critical thinking, analytic reasoning, and oral and written communication.

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Berea College's ranking as "Best Liberal Arts College" by Washington Monthly Magazine, 2018.

75

percentage of employers who believe successful college graduates should have both liberal arts training and experience in the field.

90

percentage of Berea students who credit liberal arts and work study for developing their communication, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills.



*"People with a liberal arts education are able to think and view the world from several different perspectives . . . This ability to understand and adapt is very valuable in today's workplace."*

**Edward B. Rust Jr.**  
**Chairman and CEO, State Farm Insurance Companies**