Achieving an excellent education is about many things: becoming a well-educated citizen, gaining knowledge for thoughtful and well-considered decisions, engaging your curiosity, and developing skills that will contribute to the greater good, for example. In addition, your education also prepares you to pursue a wide variety of career paths.

Depth of knowledge generally refers to the information and ways of thinking that are directly related to your academic major. In addition, you have developed an incredibly important set of skills: to think analytically and critically; to view issues in context and from multiple perspectives; to ask and address questions about ethical and societal implications; to pursue research; to engage your creativity; and to communicate complex issues clearly. Thus, Comparative History of Ideas majors offer an array of skills which are highly valued by employers from all sectors.

Many Possibilities. Because your major is interdisciplinary and is not narrowly focused on specific career paths, you have a wide array of professional options. While this kind of career flexibility is definitely good news, it does require you to be more proactive in identifying and articulating your skills to potential employers.

Ready for the Work World. The top 5 critical skills identified by employers in a recent national survey were:

- Ability to communicate clearly
  EX: CHID 101, Senior Thesis Presentation
- Interpersonal / Teamwork skills
  EX: In-class group work, Group presentations, Thesis peer review, Focus group courses, Study abroad
- Problem-solving and decision-making abilities
  EX: Articulating senior thesis topic, Deciding how best to develop & implement the project
- Ability to find and process information
  EX: Research, Creative projects, Study abroad experiences
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize
  EX: Figuring out your course of study (double majors/minors/study abroad/senior project/internships)

JOB SKILLS RELATED TO CHID MAJORS
Here are even more career-related skills and strengths that most employers seek:

- Read/interpret/synthesize complex material
- See situations from multiple perspectives
- Produce effective persuasive writing
- Design and implement engaging presentations
- Understand nuance and subtlety
- Handle ambiguity adeptly
- Apply mental agility to creative problem-solving
- Understand the broader context
- Gather, analyze, organize data
- Integrate cultural & historical perspectives
- Understand human nature & its variations
- Identify and explore implications
- Conduct thorough, conscientious research
- Propose and support recommendations
- Simultaneously see big picture and details
- Engage intellectual curiosity
- Bring motivation, imagination, enthusiasm, initiative
- Work well individually and on teams
- Understand & appreciate cultural diversity
- Understand how data can be interpreted in multiple ways
- See connections between seemingly disparate fields
- And many more!

NEXT PAGE: A FEW EXAMPLES OF JOBS/CAREERS RELATED TO CHID
Because Comparative History of Ideas (CHID) is such a wonderfully interdisciplinary, wide-ranging, expansive, and unique major, CHID majors have typically developed skills and knowledge for a vast variety of positions in the business, non-profit, government, education, and creative realms. Thus, in the job search process, CHID majors will typically search for potential positions based on skills rather than specific majors!
Examples of real jobs that real CHID majors have secured

Customer Experience Program Manager (Amazon)
Foreign Affairs Officer (Bureau of International Organization Affairs, U.S. Department of State)
Software Release Management Team (S&P Capital IQ)
Director (Boys & Girls Clubs of King County)
Policy & Advocacy Manager (Cascadia Green Building Council)
Partner Investments Manager (US Channel Incentives, Microsoft)
Residential Youth Counselor (Friends of Youth)
Young Executives of Color (YEOC) Program Manager (University of Washington)
Editor and Project Manager (The Truax Company)
Configuration Specialist (Limeade)
Meta Data Analyst (Green Infosystems)
Academic Counselor & College Internship Associate (College Support, Rainier Scholars)
Teacher (Teach for America)
Victim Advocate (Pima County Attorney's Office)
VP of Development (US Techs)
Director of Quality Assurance (Travelport /Highwire)
Director Of Education (Slate Coffee Roasters)
HR Specialist (University of Washington)
Operations Manager (Jura Physicians)
Senior Project Manager & Research Coordinator (Behavioral Tech Research, Inc.)
Transaction Coordinator (Redfin)
Media Maker (The Stranger)

More examples of jobs for which you may be highly qualified based on your transferable skills:

Associate Account Strategist, SMB Sales, University Graduate (Google)
Service Coordinator (Choice Program)
Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator (EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases)
Research Associate (Environmental Law Institute)
Knowledge Assistant (Children's Law Center)
Recruitment & Admissions Assistant (Fund for American Studies)
Partner Support Coordinator (Kiva Microfunds)
Assistant Community Outreach Coordinator (Next Step Living)
Change Corps Assistant Organizing Director (Work for Progress)
Investigative Advocate (Disability Rights Washington)
City Year - Corps Member (City Year Seattle/King County)
Financial Advisor (ING Financial Partners)
Patient Services Representative (Seattle Reproductive Medicine)
Outreach Coordinator (MedBridge Education)
Junior Project Manager (HealthPath Education)
Internet Marketing Specialist (Chair 10 Marketing)
Marketing Coordinator (Yext)
Account Coordinator, Employee Benefits (MCM)
Digital Projects Manager (The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History)
Liaison Specialist (Veterans History Project, Library of Congress)
Webmaster (Civil War Trust), Museum Educator (Museum of Jewish Heritage), Production/Archival Coordinator (The HistoryMakers)

These are just general examples. The Career Center can help you find positions that meet your goals!