HUMANITIES AND JUSTICE (BA):
http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/academics/647.php
“The Humanities and Justice major offers students the opportunity to explore fundamental questions about justice from a humanistic, interdisciplinary perspective. Rooted in history, literature and philosophy, Humanities and Justice prepares students for basic inquiry and advanced research into issues of justice that lie behind social policy and criminal justice as well as broader problems of social morality and equity. Its courses are designed to help students develop the skills of careful reading, critical thinking and clear writing that are necessary for the pursuit of any professional career. This major provides an excellent preparation for law school and other professional programs, for graduate school in the humanities, and for careers in law, education, public policy and criminal justice.”

Skills, Abilities and Objectives for Humanities and Justice Majors:
- Critically engage with historical documents
- Learn to think critically via historical documents, philosophical and literary texts
- Propose answers to questions about local and global justice
- Analyze and synthesize information
- Research and write on information related to global issues
- Develop strong communication skills
- Complete theses on chosen topics
- Identify and evaluate arguments and claims

Transferring Skills to Careers:
The skills above prepare Humanities and Justice majors for a range of professional degrees and career options. The list below does not include all possible professional paths available to students who major in Humanities and Justice but gives a sample of careers graduates have chosen to pursue. The investigative and persuasive skills developed by Humanities and Justice majors are applicable to position such as:

- Advertising Executive
- Teacher
- Diplomat
- Social Service Administrator
- Journalist
- International relations specialist
- Lobbyist
- Publisher
- Advocacy Advocate
- Researcher
- Librarian
- Consultant
- Counselor
- Anthropologist
- Curator
- Director (Centers and Programs)

Strategies for Professional Development:
- Look for internship/volunteer experiences with various social and government agencies.
- Develop and emphasize your transferable skills such as:
  - Communication
  - Research
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in field of interest.
- Get involved in student organizations such as the John Jay Sentinel.
- Create a LinkedIn account to connect with individuals and organizations in field of interests.
- Consider pursuing a master’s degree in a related career field.

Professional Associations/Organizations:
A professional association is an organization formed to promote and support the development, growth and work efforts of individuals in a particular career field. Membership benefits include networking, continuing education, mentoring programs, meetings/conferences and exclusive access to information regarding career opportunities.

There is often a fee for joining professional organizations; however, most associations offer discounts to students, including graduate school students, recent graduates, and young professionals. All or a portion of associations fees are tax deductible. To learn more about professional associations, see the National Trade and Professional Associations Directory, the American Society of Association Executives or Encyclopedia of Associations: Volume I- National Organizations of the U.S. is available in the Reference section of John Jay College’s Lloyd Sealy Library.

- National Humanities Alliance  

- Federation of State Humanities Councils  

- American Historical Association  

For more information on this major please visit:  
[http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/justice/index.html](http://jjcweb.jjay.cuny.edu/justice/index.html)  
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