# WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY AFRICANA STUDIES DEGREE?

**Using the Major Sheet:**
- Large headings indicate industry area and subheadings indicate employers within that area.
- Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
- An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) in order to obtain this career. Make sure your thoroughly research career pathways.

## HUMAN SERVICES

**Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals**

| Community Service Agency Worker | Race Relations Specialist | Parent Educator |
| Recreation Coordinator | Volunteer Coordinator | Caseworker* |
| Family Services Specialist | Community Outreach Worker | Fundraiser |
| Child Support Case Officer | Eligibility Specialist | Youth Counselor |
| Social Service Manager | Violence Prevention Educator | Teen Center Director* |
| International Advocate | Disaster/Disease Relief Worker | |

## PUBLIC POLICY

**Congress / State Legislature / Local Government**

| Congressional/Legislative Aide | Committee Staff Person | Press Secretary |
| Legislative Research Assistant | Legislative Correspondent | Constituent Aide |
| Campaign Staffer | Communications Director | |

**Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)**

| Public Opinion Interviewer | Lobbyist | Public Policy Analyst |
| Community/Field Organizer | Membership Coordinator | Project Manager |
| Program Developer/Coordinator | Political Organizer | Legislative Liaison |
| Fund-Raiser/Development Associate | Convention Organizer | Office Manager |
| Conference Coordinator | Government Affairs Specialist | |

**Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)**

| Project Assistant | Research Associate | Public Policy Analyst |

## Foundations

| Aide | Researcher | Proposal Reviewer |

## LAW / CORRECTIONS / REHABILITATION

| Probation/Parole Officer | Police Officer* | Corrections Officer* |
| Correctional Caseworker* | Court Appointed Advocate | Legal Assistant |
| Investigative Assistant | Intelligence Support Analyst | CIA/FBI Agent* |
| Customs/Immigration Officer | | |

## GOVERNMENT

**Local, State and Federal Agencies (Transportation, Housing, Commerce)**

| Population Studies Researcher | Urban/Regional Planner | Public Affairs Officer |
| Contract Administrator/Specialist | Researcher/Statistician | Program Evaluator |
| Quality Assurance Specialist | Civil Rights Investigator | Survey Analyst |
EDUCATION
High Schools, Colleges, Universities
• Teacher* • Cultural Program Coordinator • Researcher
• Literacy Program Coordinator • Student Affairs Coordinator* • Admissions Counselor

HEALTH
Hospitals, Insurers, Government, Non-Profits (Family Planning, Substance Abuse)
• Research Assistant • Medical Admissions Staff • Patient Advocate
• Insurance Customer Service Rep. • Health Educator • Caseworker*
• Family Planning Counselor • Recreation Worker • Volunteer Coordinator
• Fundraiser/Development Specialist • Community Outreach Worker • Program Coordinator
• Counselor/Therapist* • Rehabilitation Counselor* • Crisis Service Worker

BUSINESS
Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations
• Marketing Research Analyst • Public Relations Specialist • Media Buyer
• Advertising Salesperson • Marketing Coordinator • Copywriter
• Consumer Survey Supervisor • Special Events Coordinator • Consultant

Human Resources
• Human Resources Generalist • Benefits Coordinator • Trainer
• EEO/Affirmative Action Officer • Payroll Officer • Recruiter
• Interviewer • Staffing Specialist • Job Developer

Insurance
• Claims Representative/Examiner • Insurance Agent • Underwriter

Publishing / Journalism
• Editorial Assistant • Freelance Writer • Promotions Assistant
• Reporter • Technical Writer • Circulation Manager
• Publishing Assistant • Copy Editor • News Assistant

Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:
• Focus on transferable skill sets as you pursue a degree in Africana Studies.
• Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.
• Supplement Africana Studies course work with classes that are relevant to your career.
• Meet with a Career Specialist to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

Additional Career Center Resources:
• Major Sheets (AFST, HIST, MLL, POLI): http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/
• Links by Major: http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php
• The Vault: http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/
  - Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
  - Select “Guides” to view relevant guides such as:
    “Vault Guide to the Top Government and Nonprofit Employers”
    “Vault Guide to Capitol Hill Careers”
    “Career Launcher: Education.”
• Professional Organizations:
  Association for the Study of African American Life and History: https://asalh100.org/
  National Association of African American Studies: https://www.naaas.org/