WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY AFRICANA STUDIES DEGREE?

HUMAN SERVICES
Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Child Support Case Officer
- Parent Educator
- Race Relations Specialist
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Community Outreach Worker
- Eligibility Specialist
- Violence Prevention Educator
- Social Service Administrator
- Caseworker
- Activities Leader
- Youth Counselor
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Race Relations Specialist
- Social Service Administrator
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- Race Relations Specialist
- Social Service Administrator

PUBLIC POLICY
Congress / State Legislature / Local Government
- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Campaign Staffer
- Committee Staff Person
- Legislative Correspondent
- Constituent Aide
- Press Secretary
- Communications Director

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)
- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Office Manager
- Lobbyist
- Membership Coordinator
- Political Organizer
- Convention Organizer
- Government Affairs Specialist
- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Manager
- Legislative Liaison
- Conference Coordinator

Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)
- Project Assistant
- Research Associate
- Public Policy Analyst
- Researcher
- Proposal Reviewer

Foundations
- Aide
- Researcher
- Proposal Reviewer

LAW / CORRECTIONS / REHABILITATION
- Probation/Parole Officer
- Correctional Caseworker
- Investigative Assistant
- Customs/Immigration Officer
- Police Officer
- Court Appointed Advocate
- Intelligence Support Analyst
- Corrections Officer
- Legal Assistant
- CIA/FBI Agent

GOVERNMENT
Local, State and Federal Agencies (Transportation, Housing, Commerce)
- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract Administrator/Specialist
- Quality Assurance Specialist
- Urban/Regional Planner
- Researcher/Statistician
- Program Evaluator
- Public Affairs Officer
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Survey Analyst

EDUCATION
High Schools, Colleges, Universities
- Teacher
- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Admissions Counselor
- Financial Aid Counselor
**HEALTH**

**Hospitals, Insurers, Government, Non-Profits (Family Planning, Substance Abuse)**

- Research Assistant
- Family Planning Counselor
- Fundraiser/Development Specialist
- Medical Admissions Staff
- Health Educator
- Activities Leader
- Community Outreach Worker
- Patient Advocate
- Caseworker
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Program Coordinator

**BUSINESS**

**Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations**

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Media Buyer
- Public Relations Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Special Events Coordinator
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Copywriter
- Trainer
- Recruiter
- Job Developer

**Human Resources**

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Officer
- Interviewer
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Staffing Specialist
- Trainer
- Recruiter
- Staffing Specialist
- Job Developer

**Insurance**

- Claims Representative/Examiner
- Insurance Agent
- Underwriter

**Banking / Finance**

- Branch Manager
- Loan Representative
- Property Manager

**Retail / Sales**

- Assistant Buyer
- Store/Department Manager
- Sales Representative

**Publishing / Journalism**

- Editorial Assistant
- Reporter
- Publishing Assistant
- Salesperson
- Technical Writer
- Copy Editor
- Promotions Assistant
- Circulation Manager
- News Assistant

**KEEP IN MIND...**

This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is not a complete list! Also keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as an African American Studies major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

1. **obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience** (see CC about their part-time, major-related job announcements; the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities; and Community Outreach about their volunteer programs) and
2. **supplement your African American Studies course work** with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career advisor for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**Career Center: Books/Resources (MP 212)**

- 100 Jobs in Social Change
- Career Opportunities in Politics, Government, and Activism
- Vault Career Guide to International Development

**Internet sites** that allow you to explore career options for Africana Studies degree: