WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY AMERICAN STUDIES DEGREE?

AMERICAN HISTORY

Historical Museums/Societies, Cultural Heritage Organizations, Research Organizations
- Conservation Technician
- Property Disposal Officer
- Assistant Museum Curator
- Fundraiser/Grant Writer
- Assistant Registrar/Preparator

≡ Historical Museums/Societies, Arts & Humanities Councils, National & State Archives
- Site Guide
- Interpretive Guide

≡ Public Policy

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government
- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Campaign Staffer

≡ Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)
- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Office Manager

≡ Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)
- Project Assistant
- Aide

≡ Foundations
- Aide

≡ Law / Corrections / Rehabilitation

≡ Probation/Parole Officer
- Correctional Caseworker
- Investigative Assistant
- Customs/Immigration Officer

≡ Government

Local, State and Federal Agencies (i.e. Transportation, Housing, Commerce)
- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract Administrator/Specialist
- Quality Assurance Specialist

≡ Human Services

Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals
- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Child Support Case Officer

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

HEALTH
Hospitals, Insurers, Government, Non-Profits
- Research Assistant
- Medical Admissions Staff
- Patient Advocate
- Health Educator
- Caseworker
- Activities Leader
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Program Coordinator
- Fundraiser/Development Specialist

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

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

Insurance
- Claims Representative/Examiner
- Insurance Agent
- Underwriter

Banking / Finance
- Branch Manager
- Loan Representative
- Property Manager

Retail / Sales (Book Stores, Museum Shops, Retail Stores)
- Assistant Buyer
- Store/Department Manager
- Sales Representative

Publishing / Journalism
- Editorial Assistant
- Book Salesperson
- Promotions Assistant
- Reporter
- Technical Writer
- Circulation Manager
- Publishing Assistant
- Copy Editor
- News Assistant
- Researcher
- Indexer/Abstractor
- Desk 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 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 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
Internet sites; that allow you to explore career options for American Studies degree:

**Career Center: Books/Resources (MP 212)**
- Great Jobs for History Majors
- Top Government & Non-Profit Employers
- Careers in Politics, Government, and Activism
- Career Launcher: Law Enforcement and Public Safety

UMBC, Career Center, MP 212, 410-455-2216, careers@umbc.edu, careers.umbc.edu

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