

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

PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

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

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

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

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
- 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
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Public Affairs Officer
- Program Evaluator
- Survey Analyst

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities

- Teacher*
- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Cultural Program Coordinator
- Student Affairs Coordinator*
- Researcher
- Admissions Counselor

HEALTH

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

- Research Assistant
- Insurance Customer Service Rep.
- Family Planning Counselor
- Fundraiser/Development Specialist
- Counselor/Therapist*
- Medical Admissions Staff
- Health Educator
- Recreation Worker
- Community Outreach Worker
- Rehabilitation Counselor*
- Patient Advocate
- Caseworker*
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Program Coordinator
- Crisis Service Worker

BUSINESS

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations

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

Human Resources

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

Insurance

- Claims Representative/Examiner
- Insurance Agent
- Underwriter

Publishing / Journalism

- Editorial Assistant
- Reporter
- Publishing Assistant
- Freelance Writer
- Technical Writer
- Copy Editor
- Promotions Assistant
- Circulation Manager
- 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 Resource (AFST, HIST, MLL, POLI):** <https://careers.umbc.edu/tools/majors/>
- **The Vault:** <https://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/vault/>
 - Use the top search bar to find these relevant guides:
 - [Vault Guide to Government Jobs](#)
 - [Vault Guide to Nonprofit Jobs](#)
 - [Vault Career Guide to Education](#)
- **Professional Organizations:**
 - African Studies Association: <https://africanstudies.org/>
 - Association for the Study of African American Life and History: <https://asalh.org/>
 - National Association of African American Studies: <https://www.naaas.org/>