

What can I do with a major in “African American Studies”?

The University of Georgia Career Center

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This information describes typical occupations and employment settings associated with this major. Understand some of these options may require additional training. Moreover, you are not limited to these options when choosing a possible career path.

Description of African American Studies

African American Studies at UGA is a richly integrated interdisciplinary and multicultural course of study intended to give specific attention to the historical, cultural, intellectual, and social development of people of African descent. Because of the major's interdisciplinary nature, courses are drawn from a wide variety of disciplines including Anthropology, Art, Economics, English, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, African American Studies, Speech, and Theater. Because African American studies has a deep and broad focus, the course not only prepares students for understanding the black experience but also helps them understand and examine American society, as well as important continuities and commonalities across other national and racial boundaries.

Research Careers

Georgia Career Information Center - <http://www.gcic.peachnet.edu> (accessible only on campus computers)

O*NET - <http://online.onetcenter.org> (click on Find Occupations)

Occupational Outlook Handbook - <http://www.bls.gov/oco> (type in general term for career of interest)

Alberta Occupational Profiles - <http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca/occinfo/frameset.asp> (click on Occupational Title Search)

Career Insider - powered by the Vault - http://career.uga.edu/resources/online_resources

*Please visit the Career Center Library or your Career Consultant for additional information or assistance.

Possible Job Titles of African American Studies Graduates

Advertising Agent	Educator / Professor	Independent Consultant
Anthropologist	Employment Counselor	Journalist
Biographer	Ethnologist	Lawyer
Business Manager	Foreign Affairs Officer	Legislative Aide
Civil Service Worker	Genealogist	Linguist
College Professor	Geographer	Museum Worker
Community Planner	Health Administrator	Psychologist
Community Relations	Historian	Research Associate
Copy Editor	Human Resource Specialist	Resource Preservationist
Creative Writer	Human Service Worker	Sociologist

Possible Employers of African American Studies Graduates

Businesses or Corporations	News Bureaus	SAGA Communications*
Census Bureau	Newspapers or Magazines	Schools
Colleges or Universities	Peace Corps	Tennessee School System*
Consulting Firms	Political Interest Groups	The Holton-Arms School
Court Systems	Political Parties	Travel Agencies
Diplomat	Polling Organizations	US Air Force*
Embassies	Public Relations Firms	US Department of Education*
Government Agencies	Public Service Organizations	Visitors Bureaus
Labor Unions	Radio / Television Stations	Vistrionix*
Law Firms	Research Organizations	Worth Magazine*

Career Center Library Resources

Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Blythe Camenson

Keys to Liberal Arts Success by Figler, Carter, Bishop, & Kravits

Liberal Arts Jobs by Burt Nadler
Pathways to Career Success for Minorities by Ferguson Publishing
The Liberal Arts Advantage by Gregory Giangrande
Top Careers for Liberal Arts Graduates by Ferguson

Campus Resources

Institute for African American Studies – <http://afam.uga.edu/students/major/index.php>

Employment Websites

African Studies Center Job Listing - http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/bbs/bbjobsgrants.html

DevNet - <http://www.devnetjobs.org/>

H-Net - <http://www.h-net.org/jobs/>

Diversity Employers - <http://www.diversityemployers.com/>

Museum of Afroamerican History - <http://www.afroammuseum.org/jobs.htm>

National Association for Ethnic Studies Jobs - <http://ethnicstudies.org/opportunities/jobs>

National Civil Rights Museum Employment - http://www.civilrightsmuseum.org/?page_id=1427

Peace Corps - <http://www.peacecorps.org/index.cfm>

The Black Collegian - <http://www.black-collegian.com/>

US Aid - <http://www.usaid.gov/index.html>

Additional Resources

African Studies Association - <http://www.africanstudies.org/>

Association for the Study of African American Life & History - <http://www.asalh.org>

National Association of African-American Studies - <http://www.naaas.org>

National Association for Ethnic Studies - <http://www.ethnicstudies.org/>