

AMS at KU is an interdisciplinary program in which students think critically about the many institutional and cultural meanings of America, popular culture, society, and identity. You will be studying such topics as film, jazz, literature, visual culture, gender, race, ethnicity, and religion. American Studies promotes social justice, investigates America in the past and present and considers the profound impact of diversity on society and addresses differential power structures in American life.

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AMS at KU graduates students with the breadth of intellectual and practical skills contemporary employers demand: Analytical and writing skills; comprehensive understandings of the diversity of human experiences; informed critical and creative thinking necessary to engage and lead in the national and global 21st Century social, political, and economic spheres.

WHO EMPLOYS MAJORS AND MINORS IN AMERICAN STUDIES?

- Community Colleges
- Corporate Businesses
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal, State and Local Government Agencies
- Granting Agencies
- Historical Organizations
- Insurance Companies
- Law Firms
- Libraries
- Museums
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Public and Private Middle/High Schools
- Public and Private Universities
- Public Relations Firms
- Publishing Companies
- TV/Radio/Print News Agencies
- Visitors Bureaus

WHAT ARE CAREER PATHS IN AMERICAN STUDIES?

Education: Involves a wide range of possibilities including elementary education all the way up the Higher education professor. Communication skills are very important in this career path.

Writing: Writers and editors traditionally with an American Studies degree focus on historical books, editing governmental documents, or journalism as a career path.

Law: There are several options within this career path including becoming a lawyer, paralegal, or policymaker at all levels of government. Usually certification and more education are needed to follow this career path.

Research: The ability to utilize your analytical skills within such places as museums, all levels of government, and historical organizations.

Business: The ability to be able to read and understand historical trends is very important in most businesses, especially those that deal with markets of high demand. Usually you acquire many skill sets within the business profession including advertising, marketing, and business communication.

Library Science - Being able to handle and process documents and archiving them in an organizational fashion is the basics of what this career field offers. Attention to detail is the most important part of the career.

Questions?

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WHAT ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF JOB TITLES HELD BY MAJORS AND MINORS OF AMERICAN STUDIES? ¹

- Archivist
- Broadcaster
- College Professor
- Copy Editor
- Data Analyzer
- Editorial Assistant
- Grant Writer
- Historical Preservationist
- History Teacher
- Human Resources Manager
- Insurance Underwriter
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Museum Curator
- Paralegal
- Policy Analyst
- Public Relations Specialist
- Publisher
- Radio Announcer
- Reporter
- Researcher
- Social Worker
- Journalist