

Study Africana Studies. Do anything.

100%

of recent Notre Dame Africana Studies majors and minors started full-time jobs, enrolled in graduate schools, entered service programs, or launched independent projects within six months of graduation.



Lauren Pate '16
Africana Studies major
Paralegal specialist, Department of Justice Antitrust Division

"I chose to major in Africana Studies because it was a great way to learn and read more about a community that has such an impact on the world but is not studied to the extent it should be. I wanted to learn how to talk about the different issues people throughout the African diaspora face in the world today and how to effect change in my community.

"Africana Studies is a variety of Arts and Letters majors combined into one — art, history, sociology, political science, literature. If you enjoy learning about how lots of different elements come together, Africana Studies is for you. Every class I took outside of Africana Studies related back to my major in some way.

"In Africana Studies, we were required to be on top of the news and give our opinions about relevant issues in class. Now, working for the government, our attorneys are constantly talking about similar issues, and I feel confident coming into the office and being able to discuss the latest DOJ investigation or White House correspondence. I hope to go to law school soon, and that experience will be even more relevant there.

"One cannot understand modern society without studying the effect Africana people, past and present, have on the world. In Africana Studies, you learn how to identify and challenge unfair elements in society and work to make it more equitable for all."

Emmie Mediate '15
Africana Studies major
Rhodes Scholar
Master's degree candidate,
University of Oxford

"I wanted to find a program that covered different narratives about Africa and how they reconcile with one another. In Africana Studies, we explored the history, sociology, and culture of the continent, all informed by research.

"My senior thesis combined my experience in Africana Studies and Pre-Health by looking at HIV/AIDS interventions in Africa. I went to Uganda to do field research, speaking with health officials, individuals working in aid organizations, and beneficiaries.

"I couldn't have done the same research at any other university. The opportunities that are available and the support of departments like Africana Studies provided the funding and guidance I needed to complete my thesis project. With every research project I undertook, I was able to find a professor who was willing to sit down, talk about my idea, read several drafts of proposals, and help me through the process. That's really special."



53%
started
full-time jobs

- Audit assistant, Deloitte
- Business sales leadership development program, AT&T
- Fellow, New York City government
- Program associate, Results for Development Institute
- Researcher, CBS
- Research associate, Reilly Partners
- Revenue cycle specialist, Ahead



16%
entered service
programs

- Center for the Homeless
- Peace Corps



5%
launched
independent
projects

Source: Notre Dame Office of Strategic Planning and Institutional Research reports, 2013-2016



26%
enrolled in
graduate or
professional school

- Business:** University of Notre Dame
- Dentistry:** University of Buffalo
- Education, Policy, and Leadership:** Southern Methodist University
- Law:** Michigan State University, University of Chicago

Curriculum requirements

Africana Studies major

Introduction to Africana Studies

1 Africana Studies course each related to the social sciences, fine arts or literature, and history

4 upper-division electives

2-course senior thesis or internship sequence

Africana Studies supplementary major

Introduction to Africana Studies

1 Africana Studies course each related to the social sciences, fine arts or literature, and history

4 upper-division electives

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