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"I wanted to study everything — literature, history, politics, religion, art, race, gender. In American Studies, I found a path that not only appealed to my varied interests, but encouraged and demanded that I think critically about how they all connect.

"Through my coursework, I learned how to write clearly, speak eloquently, and think critically. I was equipped with tools that I use constantly — writing, research, time management, problem solving, and teamwork. I owe many of my professional skills to my senior thesis, where I learned how to conduct in-depth research, receive and incorporate feedback to my work, and take ownership of a project from start to finish.

"I put my American Studies degree to use every day working at a public affairs firm in Washington, D.C. When I started, I had never written a press release or a pitch to a journalist, but I quickly discovered that didn’t matter at all. I developed a strong writing foundation through American Studies, and I apply that to my diverse range of writing projects, from op-eds and speeches to memos and research documents.

"American Studies taught me how to observe and understand our complex, often difficult world — and that’s made me a more thoughtful, critical, and empowered citizen."