

Study Africana Studies. Do anything.



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"When I came to Notre Dame, I was positive that Psychology would be the only thing that I would study, but once I took my first Africana Studies class, I knew it was going to be a huge part of my life. I've always been interested in learning about the interplay between historical happenings, events in the present, and things that will come along with the future when it comes to the African diaspora. Africana Studies took that interest a step further — the professors' knowledge is boundless, their expertise created a space where I was able to explore and yet still be grounded, and their empathy and great personalities made the program feel like home.

Now, I use Africana Studies all the time as a graduate student in a counseling program. The knowledge I have accumulated applies to every project, paper, and discussion I have, and I developed useful skills like the ability to synthesize and present information in a productive manner, clearly break down comments/arguments and create appropriate rebuttals, and how to be empathetic.

In Africana Studies, you become a well-rounded, educated, and empathetic person. When you learn the history of those who have been oppressed by systems and structures and learn how to apply that history to the present, you become a person who has a better view of the world. You learn that your experiences or lack of experiences are tied to something greater than yourself."

Source: Center for Career Development First Destination Reports, 2017–2021

96%

of recent Africana Studies majors found success within six months of graduation.



46%
started full-time jobs

- Associate technical project manager, Groupm
- Audit assistant, Deloitte
- Business sales leadership development program, AT&T
- Client advocacy fellow, Office of the New York Appellate Defender
- Fellow, New York City government
- Paralegal specialist, Department of Justice Antitrust Division
- Producers assistant, Jax Media
- Program associate, Results for Development Institute
- Researcher, CBS
- Research associate, Reilly Partners
- Revenue cycle specialist, Ahead



32%
enrolled in graduate or professional school

- Business:** Notre Dame
- Dentistry:** University of Buffalo
- Education, policy, and leadership:** Southern Methodist University
- Law:** Emory University, Michigan State University, UCLA, University of Chicago
- Technology entrepreneurship:** University of Maryland

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

11%
entered service programs



- AmeriCorps
- Center for the Homeless
- Peace Corps

7%
pursued other opportunities



(Completing an internship, joining the military, conducting research, taking a gap year, pursuing independent creative or freelance work, volunteering, etc.)

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