

# American Studies



## DEPARTMENT WEBSITE:

[osucascades.edu/academics/american-studies](http://osucascades.edu/academics/american-studies)



## ABOUT THE MAJOR:

Studying in the American Studies major, you will engage contemporary questions about American culture in their historical and global contexts. You will examine these complex issues and processes through a variety of media—film, music, literature, history, politics, and art. We are convinced that equipping you to navigate a global world means teaching the skills needed to reflect deeply on the complex relations among culture, environment, diversity, equity, and democracy. This kind of skillful thinking is more important today than ever before.

**DEGREE:** BA/BS in American Studies

## POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONS:

Archivist  
Community Educator  
Content Manager  
Curator  
Editor  
Education Director  
Filmmaker  
Foreign Service Officer  
Freelance Writer  
Fund Raiser  
Grant Writer  
Historian  
Historical Consultant  
Interpreter  
Journalist  
Lawyer  
Librarian  
Litigator  
Lobbyist  
Mediator  
Paralegal  
Policy Analyst  
Politician  
Professor  
Public Relations Director  
Publisher  
Reporter  
Researcher  
Teacher  
Urban/Regional Planner  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Writer



## WORK ENVIRONMENTS:

Colleges and Universities, Libraries, Nonprofit Organizations, Museums, Historical Societies, Art Galleries, State and Local Government, Research Institutions, Corporations, Foundations, Political Parties, School Districts, Court Systems, Hospitals, Healthcare Organizations, Consulting Firms, Insurance Companies, Financial Institutions

## WHERE ARE OSU ALUMNI WORKING?

Web Content Manager, City of Vancouver Washington  
Learning Systems Manager, Multnomah County Library  
Climate Change Alliance Support, London Borough of Camden  
Attorney, Perkins Coie LLP  
Assistant Professor of American Studies, University of Maine  
Chief Executive Officer, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce  
Narrative Designer/Writer, Irresponsible Games  
Senior Contract Specialist, Apria Healthcare  
Research Manager, Pew Charitable Trusts  
Curator of African American Collections, Emory University  
Teacher, Hillsboro School District  
Research Associate, SMATE  
Director of Accountability, OmnicomMediaGroup  
Business Assistant, Benton County

## SKILLS DEVELOPED IN THE PROGRAM:

Communication, Writing, Critical Analysis, Cultural Competency, Curiosity, Historical Understanding, Interdisciplinary Thinking, Negotiation, Organization, Research

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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