

Why Study American Studies at UMD?

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND'S AMERICAN STUDIES DEGREE combines a liberal arts education with practical skills that last a lifetime. Students examine the cultural complexities found in the United States, past and present, and, in the process, gain deep knowledge of its people. Our classes emphasize social affiliations and value systems that give form and meaning to the American experience. Through their studies, students improve their skills as critical and analytical thinkers and communicators—qualities crucial for any career or advanced academic work. Our graduates go on to work in archives, education, law, business, social justice and more.

AMERICAN STUDIES CURRICULUM

The Department of American Studies is an interdisciplinary major with a growing number of double majors who also study history, sociology, government and politics and STEM fields. American studies majors draw widely on the university's superb resources in the humanities and social sciences as well as the intellectual resources of the Baltimore-Washington, D.C. region. The major is highly flexible, allowing students to pursue a wide variety of topics such as literature, American social movements, African American studies, women's studies and digital media.

SAMPLE COURSE TITLES

- ▶ Cultures of Everyday Life in America
- ▶ Diversity in American Culture
- ▶ Introduction to Comparative Ethnic Studies
- ▶ Special Topics in American Studies; Citizens, Refugees, and Immigrants
- ▶ Asian American Politics

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AMERICAN STUDIES DEGREES IN ACTION

92% of recent ARHU graduates are either working full time, interning or pursuing graduate studies.* Here's where some of our American Studies graduates are working or studying:

- ▶ Parsons Paris, M.A. in Fashion
- ▶ Peace Corps, Volunteer, Mozambique
- ▶ Mountain West Commercial, Research Analyst
- ▶ AECOM, Technical Writer/Editor
- ▶ Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Sales Trainee
- ▶ UMD Conference & Visitor Services, Supervisor
- ▶ Teaching Assistant Program in France, English Teaching Assistant
- ▶ IMP, Marketing Intern
- ▶ Northern Virginia Magazine, Editorial Intern

*Placement rate is based on the May 2019 university graduation survey

TIPS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

It's never too early to start planning for your career after graduation. Make an appointment to talk with the University Career Center @ARHU. We'll work with you to assess your skills, values and interests and use them to find opportunities that meet your goals. Academic and career advisors will help you incorporate internships, living-learning programs, global experiences, research and more into your academic plan. Research shows that having one or more internships increases your ability to land a full-time position after graduation. Learn more at careers.umd.edu.

BE WORLDWISE. GET WORLDREADY. CAREER INITIATIVE

The "Be Worldwide. Get Worldready." initiative prepares students to adapt and thrive in the workplace and shapes the kind of global citizens they can become. It creatively integrates career development in the ARHU academic experience by offering strategic career preparation and academic advising; engages faculty to develop new and reimagined courses, majors and minors; and provides opportunities to apply scholarship to practice. Students learn to communicate the real-world value of their arts and humanities degree through this initiative.

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"I am so thankful that my degree focused on understanding cultural communication and expression. Part of my job as an English consultant for Microsoft Asia in Shenzhen, China, is seeing and comparing Asian and Western approaches to professional writing. In my work, I am constantly emphasizing the importance of understanding cultural differences when dealing with foreign clients."

ABOUT THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & HUMANITIES (ARHU)

ARHU is home to 14 departments and 79 bachelor's degrees, minors and certificate programs, so you can tailor your degree (or double major) across various fields of study, including performing and visual arts, languages, literatures and cultures. With an 8 to 1 student to faculty ratio, ARHU offers you the benefits of a tight-knit community with access to the resources of a large, public research institution near the nation's capital.



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