WRITING

What can I do with this major?

• Journalism
• Creative Writing
• Freelance Writing
• Copy Writing

Where do I want to work?

• Newspapers
• Magazines
• Broadcast media companies including television and movie industry
• Trade, professional, or consumer publications
• Arts organizations; theaters and concert halls

How to get there...

• Obtain a minor in English or journalism or take some general writing-focused classes.
• Write for campus publications such as college newspapers, magazines, or department/program newsletters.
• Volunteer to assist or tutor students in a writing center.

POLITICS AND LAW

Where do I want to work?

• Elected or appointed public officials (i.e., legislators, governors, mayors, judges)
• National political party headquarters
• Public interest/advocacy groups
• Political campaigns
• Law firms

How to get there...

• Gain experience and make contacts through internships with government agencies or public officials.
• Volunteer to work with public interest groups, political campaigns, political associations, or community service projects.
• Participate in student government and campus politics.
• Obtain a law degree to work in law or politics. Many politicians begin their careers with a law degree.

Tips: FYI

• Research the prerequisites of the area of interest and tailor program of study to meet curricular and skill needs.
• Part-time, summer, internship, and volunteer experiences are critical.
• Develop skills by obtaining a leadership role in a school or community organization.
• Get involved in Student Government.
## American Studies

How can I succeed with this major?

### EDUCATION

**What can I do with this major?**
- Teaching
- Research
- Public Historian
- Historical Consultant
- Library Science

**Where do I want to work?**
- Colleges and universities
- Historic sites and museums
- Vocational-technical educational programs
- Professional or graduate schools including medical

**How to get there...**
- Obtain a doctorate degree for opportunities in teaching and/or research.
- Develop one or more concentrations, such as mathematics, medical or business ethics, science, or religion.
- Gain related experience through internships, volunteering, or part-time employment.

### JOURNALISM

**What can I do with this major?**
- Broadcast
- Print

**Where do I want to work?**
- News departments of local, public, and commercial radio and TV stations
- Syndicated radio services
- Newspapers
- National, state, and regional radio networks

**How to get there...**
- Work on campus newspaper, TV, or radio.
- Find summer or part-time work with local commercial TV or radio station.
- Volunteer with public TV or radio.
- Consider obtaining a minor or double major in journalism or broadcasting/electronic media.

**Advice from professors**
- Students are exposed to thinking in diverse disciplines and have job opportunities in multiple fields.
- American Studies recognizes that we live in a volatile, interdisciplinary, world where people often change jobs.
- American Studies is an ideal double major with fields such as Education, History, English, Communications, and the Social Sciences.

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