

AFRICANA STUDIES

From Study to Skills

The Africana studies program offers a broad and varied exposure to black culture, economics, politics, and history, both nationally and internationally, with a focus on North America. Africana studies exposes students to problems, theories, and issues surrounding the study of cultures of both the modern and the pre-Columbian African Diaspora. Africana studies majors have the flexibility to tailor their selection of classes to meet both their personal and professional needs. Students may also minor in Africana Studies as a way to focus their major area. For example, English majors who minor in Africana have the opportunity to study the writers of the famous Harlem Renaissance, something they might not otherwise do.

As an Africana Studies major, you will join an elite club of some of America's professionally most successful lawyers, teachers, researchers, writers, and others from a wide range of professions. The Africana Studies and Research Program at Rutgers Camden allows students to prepare for advanced professional careers in Diplomatic Service, Law, Urban Studies, Politics, Social Service, Education and the Humanities. With its wide selection of courses in sociology, history, political science, and criminal justice, our program provides a direct pathway to law school. Whether you major or minor in Africana Studies and Research, you will be prepared to face a rapidly changing world and shrinking international professional environment. In a globalized world, Africana studies majors will be equipped to understand international issues as well as issues of cultural diversity in a globalized business and legal environment.

Related Fields: Business Administration, Education, History, Law, Political Science, Public Administration, Public Affairs and Policy, Social Work, Urban Studies,

Skills and Abilities

Critical Thinking Skills- Students will gain an understanding of cultures, identify problems, and create innovative solutions. Students will also develop analytical thinking and problem solving skills, utilize the ability to critically read and understand arguments, and analyze traditions of thought in social, political and historical context.

Communication Skills- Students will be able to express ideas clearly through written and oral communication, listen effectively, persuade others, and develop public speaking skills.

Research Skills- Students will practice gathering information, evaluating evidence, planning, multi-tasking, and technical writing.

What Careers Are Available For Africana Studies Majors

The following are samples of possible first jobs of Africana Studies majors:

Paralegal

Journalist

Administrator

Public School Educators

Counselors

Social Workers

Human Resource Specialists

Sales

Law Enforcement

Claims Representative

Manager

Graduate School Options

While many Africana Studies majors choose to go directly into the workplace after graduation, others will decide to pursue a graduate degree. Rutgers Camden Africana Studies majors have earned Master's and Doctorate level degrees in African American Studies as well as Business Administration, Education, History, Law, Social Work, Public Administration, and Public Affairs and Policy.

Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

National Association of African-American Studies

www.naaas.org

African Studies Association

www.africanstudies.org

Association for the Study of African American Life & History

www.asalh.org

Congressional Black Caucus

www.cbc-butterfield.house.gov

The National Association of Black Journalists

www.nabj.org

Join a student organization such as Black Student Union, Pre-Law Society, or Student Government Association.

Assist a faculty member with their research.

Visit RaptorLink for internship opportunities in your field of interest.

Connect with professionals in fields that interest you on LinkedIn.

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