

# American Studies | BEYOND COLUMBIA

## Studying American Studies prepares me to . . .

Situate contemporary US cultural, political, and intellectual debates in historical context



Assess the consistency and real-world consequences of arguments



Debate and implement strategies for ameliorating contemporary social problems



Employ evidence to support or refute an argument



Conduct and synthesize primary and secondary source research



Write clear, organized, and persuasive texts



Clearly explain and present ideas and information orally



Command detailed knowledge of a well-defined area of historical study



Understand and translate across different cultures and perspectives



Carefully document and cite sources

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## What are recent alumni doing?

A sample of places where department alumni started their careers.

| JOB TITLE               | ORGANIZATION  | INDUSTRY            |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Corporate Paralegal     |    | Law                 |
| Digital Strategist      |    | Technology          |
| Teacher                 |    | Education           |
| Constituent Services    |    | Government          |
| Capital Markets Analyst |    | Law                 |
| Software Developer      |   | Internet & Software |
| Operations Assistant    |  | NGO                 |
| Science Teacher         |  | Education           |
| Business Analyst        | McKinsey & Company  | Consulting          |
| Summer Analyst          | LAZARD  | Finance             |
| Paralegal               |  | Social Assistance   |

## Graduate School

Recent alumni entered MFA, JD, and PhD programs at . . .

  
 THE SCHOOL OF LAW

 Penn  
 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

 USC University of  
 Southern California

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