American Studies at Oklahoma State University offers a systematic understanding of the culture and society of the United States of America from a multidisciplinary perspective. Our curriculum pushes students to examine American beliefs, behaviors, symbols, and material objects in a wide variety of institutional and cultural locations. In addition to emphasizing liberal arts education, courses in the major develop skills in research, writing and analysis and help students recognize connections among diverse peoples and ideas--all essential skills for a 21st century workplace.

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**Job and Internship Websites**
- OSU American Studies Website
  http://amst.okstate.edu/Internships.html
- H-Net Job Guide for the Humanities & Social Science
  https://www.h-net.org/jobs/home.php
- DC Internships
  http://www.dcinternships.org/
- The Fund for American Studies
  http://www.tfas.org
- American Alliance of Museums
  http://www.aam-us.org/
- Society of American Archivists
  http://www2.archivists.org/
  http://www2.archivists.org/groups/saa-online-career-center
- Idealist
  http://www.idealista.org/
- Association of Art Historians
  http://www.aah.org.uk/jobs
- National Public Radio
  www.npr.org/about/jobs/
- Federal Government Employment
  http://www.usajobs.gov
- Oklahoma Jobs
  http://www.ok.gov/
- Smithsonian Office of Fellowships & Internships
  http://www.smithsonianoof.com/
- Fund for the Public Interest
  http://www.fundforthepublicinterest.org/
- U.S. Department of State
  http://www.state.gov/careers/
- White House Internships
  http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html
- Urban Institute
  http://www.urban.org
  https://jobs-urban.icims.com/jobs/intro/
- Library of Congress Internships
  http://www.loc.gov
  http://www.loc.gov/hr/employment/index.php?action=cMain.showFellowships
- Oklahoma State Legislature
  http://www.okhouse.gov/Internship/

**Get Involved**
- Art History Organization
- Claude Rains Appreciation Society (Film)
- History Club
- Phi Alpha Delta (Pre-Law)
- Sociology Club
- Mosaic Frontier (Literary Journal)

A complete list of student clubs and organizations can be found online at: https://campuslink.okstate.edu

**College of Arts & Sciences Career Services**
213 Life Science East
Tel: 405 744 5658

For appointments and resources: http://cascareers.okstate.edu
American Studies Career Paths...

**Business:**
American Studies graduates possess many of the skills needed to find success in business. Their skills in writing and analysis make them well-suited for the following positions:

**Career Options**
- Research Analyst
- Sales Representative
- Media Analyst Sales
- Insurance Underwriter
- Health Administrator
- Marketing Manager
- Human Resources Manager

**Potential Employers**
- Product Sales Firms
- Insurance Companies

**Communications and Media:**
American Studies graduates possess many of the skills needed to find success in the communications and cultural industries. Their skills in research, writing and analysis make them well suited for the following positions:

**Career Options**
- Publisher
- Media Executive
- Technical Writer
- Investigative Reporter
- Editorial Assistant
- Public Relations Specialist

**Potential Employers**
- Sales and Marketing Firms
- Public Relations Firms
- TV/Radio/Print News Agencies

**Law:**
An American Studies major prepares students well for law school where they can then pursue the following positions:

**Career Options**
- Attorney (all specialties)
- Entertainment Lawyer
- Public Relations Specialist

**Potential Employers**
- Law Firms
- Government

**International Relations:**
American Studies majors gain an understanding of the diversity of social and cultural practices within American society which makes them well suited for international work with both government and non-governmental agencies.

**Career Options**
- Cultural Affairs
- Peace Corps

**Potential Employers**
- Non-Profit Organizations

**Library Sciences/Museum:**
American Studies graduates have a strong foundation in history and an appreciation for the preservation of cultural and historical artifacts.

**Career Options**
- Librarian/Archivist
- Historical Sites Supervisor
- Public Relations Specialist

**Potential Employers**
- National Parks Service

**Education:**
Many American Studies graduates pursue teaching certification, or other advanced degrees to obtain work in the following areas:

**Career Options**
- History/English/Social Studies Teacher
- Elementary/Secondary School Teacher
- Grant Writer

**Potential Employers**
- Community Colleges
- K-12 School

**Internships**
American Studies students have the option of taking an internship related to the humanistic or social scientific study of American culture, politics, and society. Students must assume responsibility for finding and securing internships. Internships may be taken for 1-3 credit hours per term. Students are expected to work 5 hours a week for 1 credit hour (e.g. 15 hours a week for three credit hours).

See the list of institutions on the American Studies website for current opportunities and those available on a recurring basis.

http://amst.okstate.edu/Internships.html

**Henry Bellmon Scholarship**
Provides financial assistance for full-time undergraduates who will be completing government internships in Washington, D.C. or at a state or federal agency in Oklahoma for the summer months.

For more information visit 213 LSE