

# 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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**Career Education**

## 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 . . .

**FORDHAM UNIVERSITY**  
 THE SCHOOL OF LAW

 **Penn**  
 UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

 **USC** University of Southern California

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