Career Snaps are snapshot introduction resource pages that invite you to explore a list of career titles and consider what peaks your initial curiosity. Below are highlights of titles related to the major of African American Studies. Feel free to review and consider how these titles appeal to your interests and how you would like to apply your major further.

**Please note:** Career paths below vary in terms of required experience, education, and/or licensures and further research to career paths of interest is important to help identify which require advanced degrees or bachelor degrees.

**Make Marks!** Circle titles of interest and cross off those that don’t appeal to you to begin the exploration process. Keep in mind that this is not an exhaustive list but a starting point to connect your interests and to highlight some of the ways students with your major have transitioned to various career paths. Note that career titles may vary depending on the organization or company.

### Career Titles

- **Analyst**
  - Marketing Analyst, News Analyst, Policy Analyst, etc.

- **Arts and Culture**
  - Actor/Actress, Archivist, Artistic Director, Arts Educator, Choreographer, Community Arts Specialist, Creative Writer, Cultural Arts Center Coordinator, Cultural Resource Manager, Curator, Historic Preservation Specialist, Historian, Historic Site Administrator, Mural Artist, Museum Curator, Museum Director, Museum Educator, Musician, Photographer, Playwright, Poet, Professional Dancer, Professional Singer, Visual Artist, etc.

- **Advocacy**
  - Activist, Civil Rights Activist, Community Activist, Consumer Advocate, Disaster Relief Specialist, Domestic and International Advocacy, Homeless Advocate, Humanitarian Support Services, Policy Specialist, etc.

- **Banker**

- **Business Manager**

- **Communications**
  - Advertising Account Executive, Advertising Director, Cultural Communication Specialist, Marketing Coordinator, Media Relations Specialist, Public Relations Specialist, etc.

- **Consultant**
  - Diversity Consultant, Project Consultant, etc.

- **Counseling**
  - Career Counseling, Clinical Counselor, Psychologist, Psychotherapist, School Counseling, etc.

- **Education**
  - Academic Advisor, Academic Coach, Admissions Officer, Alumni Relations Officer, Career Counselor, Dean, ESL Teacher, Foreign Language Teacher, GED Teacher, International Student Services, Multicultural Student Support Director/Coordinator, Professor, Professor of Multicultural Studies, Residence Hall Director, Secondary Education Teacher, Special Program Administrator, Student Affairs Administrator, Student Services Coordinator, Training and Development Coordinator, Student Leadership Coordinator, Study Abroad Advisor/Coordinator, TESOL Teacher, University Administrator, etc.

- **Government**
  - Armed Services, Campaign Manager, City Councilman, Community Urban Planner, Delegate, Foreign Service Officer, Civil Service Worker, Intelligence Specialist, Politician, Political Analyst, Public Administration, Public Affairs Specialist, Public Policy Specialist, etc.

- **Health Care**
  - Child Life Specialist, Chiropractor, Dentist, Community Health Worker, Health Educator, Physician, Physician Assistant, Orthopedic Surgeon, Nurse, Psychiatrist, etc.

- **Human Resources**
  - Compensation/Benefits Coordinator, Compliance Specialist, Diversity Recruiter, Employee Relations Specialist, Diversity Specialist, Human Resources Director/Specialist, Job Developer, Recruiter, etc.

- **Insurance Agent**
• Journalism
  ◦ Broadcast News Analyst, Columnist, Correspondent, Journalist, Investigative Journalist, Legislative Correspondent, Network Television Journalist, Newscaster, Reporter, etc.
• Law
  ◦ Specialties: Corporate Practice, Public Interest Law, Civil Rights, Human Rights, Immigration, International Law, etc.
  ◦ Attorney, Bailiff, Bond Lawyer, Case Coordinator, Court Interpreter, Judge, Law Clerk, Legal Advocate, Legal Assistant, Legal Researcher, Mediator, Paralegal, etc.
• Law Enforcement
  ◦ Detective, Police Officer, Probation Officer, etc.
• Librarian
• Linguist
• Lobbyist
• Media
  ◦ Broadcasting (Television/Radio), Media Director, Film/TV Producer, Director, Documentary Film Producer, Sports Writer, etc.
• Non-Profit
  ◦ Administrator, After School Coordinator, Camp Director, College Planning Coordinator, Community Organizer, Community Service Agency Director, Director of Community Relations, Development Manager, Executive Director, Events Planner, Foundation Manager, Fundraising Director, Fundraising Assistant, Grant Writer, International Youth Coordinator, HIV/AIDS Activist, International Aid Worker, Literacy Program Coordinator, Peace Corps Recruiter/Volunteer, Program Administrator, Program Director/Manager, Project Manager, Public Relations Director, Youth Community Center Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, etc.
• Product Manager
• Religion
  ◦ Director of Youth Ministry, Minister, Missionary, Pastor, Priest, Youth Pastor, etc.
• Research
  ◦ Academic Researcher, Researcher, Research Assistant, Research Coordinator, etc.
• Sales Associate/Representative
• Social Service
  ◦ Case Manager, Child Welfare Worker, Family Reunification Specialist, Client Services Director, Community Worker, Conflict Resolution Specialist, Crisis Intervention Specialist, Family Involvement Coordinator, Family Support Worker, HIV Educator, Housing Support Specialist, Probation Officer, Social Worker, Rape Crisis Support Advocate, Rehabilitation Specialist, Resident Care Coordinator, Substance Abuse Counselor, Youth Services Coordinator, Youth Development and Prevention Specialist, Women's Shelter Director, etc.
• Sociologist
• Theology
  ◦ Missionary, Religious Educator, etc.
• Translator

• Travel and Tourism
  ◦ Tour Guide, Travel Agent/Consultant, Cultural Educator, etc.
• Urban and Regional Planner
• Writing and Editing
  ◦ Blogger, Copywriter, Editor, Freelance Writer, Grant Writer, Non-Fiction Writer, Novelist, Publisher, Technical Writer, Television Writer, etc.

Food For Thought
Take a minute to review the following questions and jot down thoughts that come to mind:

• Interests: What career areas below resonate with you the most and how do the careers you circled relate?
  ◦ Arts
  ◦ Business
  ◦ Communications
  ◦ Counseling
  ◦ Education
  ◦ Health and Medicine
  ◦ Government and Policy
  ◦ Law
  ◦ Media
  ◦ Non-Profit
  ◦ Research
  ◦ Social Services and Advocacy
  ◦ Technology
  ◦ Tourism and Travel
  ◦ Writing

• Skills: What skills that you enjoy are you interested using further in a profession?
  ◦ Active listening skills, adaptation skills, analyze and evaluation information, analyze perspectives, awareness of contexts, awareness of African American cultural and historical knowledge, creative problem solving, critical thinking, cultural awareness and understanding, independent and collaborative skills, interpersonal skills, language competency, listening skills, observation skills, persuasive skills, presentation skills, problem solving, research skills, understanding of cross-cultural and diversity issues, written and oral communication skills, etc.

• Values: What core values are most important to you and how might careers you circled support these values?

Ready to Take the Next Step?
Below are resources that give an overview of career profiles, settings, education, outlook, related occupations, pay, and state/regional information etc.:
http://www.bls.gov/ooh
http://www.onetonline.org