

AMERICAN STUDIES, B.A. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Brandywine

Career Paths

The American Studies program benefits from Penn State Harrisburg's location in a capital region in close proximity to internationally known heritage sites such as the Gettysburg Battlefield, National Civil War Museum, and U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. Harrisburg is also home to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the State Archives, and the State Museum.

Careers

American Studies majors at Penn State Harrisburg have opportunities to gain a core set of skills in writing, presentation, exhibition, website development, digital documentation, fieldwork and ethnography, and records and cultural resource management in addition to contextual knowledge of American culture, society, arts, and history that can be applied to a number of occupations, particularly in heritage, communications, education, and government sectors. At Penn State Harrisburg, certificates (heritage and museum practice, folklore and ethnography), internships, assistantships, professional workshops, career services, alumni interaction, social media, and online job postings serve to enhance the marketability of majors at various levels.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIAL CAREER OPTIONS FOR GRADUATES OF THE AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM (<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/humanities/american-studies-ba/career-opportunities>)

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

The American Studies major at Penn State Harrisburg prepares students for a variety of professions and to participate in the world as critical thinkers, clear communicators, and global citizens, including Penn State's Master of Arts in American Studies and the Doctor of Philosophy in American Studies programs.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES (<https://harrisburg.psu.edu/humanities/american-studies-ba>)

Professional Resources

- American Studies Association (<https://www.theasa.net>)
- Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association (<https://pcaaca.org>)
- American Folklore Society (<https://americanfolkloresociety.org/>)
- Pennsylvania Historical Association (<https://pa-history.org>)
- Pennsylvania German Society (<https://pgs.org/>)
- Pennsylvania Heritage Society (<https://www.paheritage.org/>)
- Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations (<https://pamuseums.wildapricot.org>)