American Studies is an interdisciplinary exploration, with an emphasis on history and literature, of the voices and visions that interpret and, in turn, shape the American experience. The field is concerned with questions such as whether or not there is a national culture. Which is not only an integral part of an Oxy education but also one that prepares students for citizenship in American society as well as in an increasingly globalized world.

**WHAT ARE SOME ALUMNI DOING NOW?**
- Exhibition Developer & Designer
- Marketing Coordinator
- Insurance Adjustor
- Teacher
- Director of Foundation & Government Grants
- Deputy Mayor for Budget & Innovation
- Entertainment Anchor at KTLA
- Head Basketball Coach
- Director of Admissions
- Senior Reporter
- Assistant Nurse Manager

**WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO WITH THIS MAJOR?**
- Copywriter
- Claims representative
- Media Buyer
- Sales Representative
- Fundraiser
- Researcher
- Interviewer
- International Associate
- Technical Writer
- Public Relations Firm
- Advertising Salesperson
- Claims Representative Publishing Assistant
- Sales Representative
- Patient Advocate

**WHO HIRES AMERICAN STUDIES MAJORS?**
- Advertising Agencies
- Business Organizations
- Foreign News Agencies
- Public/Private Schools
- Libraries
- Newspapers
- Museums
- Communications/Media Firms
- INVESTMENT BANKS
- NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
- INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS
- PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRMS
- COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES
- INSURANCE FIRMS

**WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE THE BEST AMERICAN STUDIES MAJOR?**
- Consider founding, or joining one of Oxy’s 100+ clubs.
- Enroll in a graduate program in library studies or archival management for information managers.
- Participate in cultural, social justice and/or political action clubs/orgs.
- Apply for independent study through the Richter Fellowship or Study Abroad.
- Develop presentation skills by applying to the Summer Research Program.
- Apply to become a Resident Advisor or Programming Assistant for the Intercultural Community Center.

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**AMERICAN STUDIES IN ACTION**
- Consider courses in DWA, politics, sociology and economics if interested in law or business.
- Volunteer through the Center for Community Based Learning or the Office of Community Engagement.
- Apply for the Occidental-at-the-United Nations Program in New York or Occidental-Washington D.C. Program.
- Consider international business due to knowledge of diverse cultures and languages.
- Evaluate the interdisciplinary nature of the major to decide whether you may consider applying to law school.