American Ethnic Studies Minor

Transferable Skills
A liberal arts degree in general, reflects a comprehensive education emphasizing analytical skills, critical thinking and communication skills; abilities in high demand for all employers. Concentrating your studies in a major or minor allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries.

Graduates with a minor in American Ethnic Studies are attractive to employers due to their abilities in the following areas:

- Orientation to critical thinking, political activism
- Aware of intercultural conflicts and perspectives
- Knowledgeable of historical events and politics
- Comprehensive command of grammar and vocabulary
- Ability to think clearly and form arguments
- Ability to effectively discuss controversial topics
- Knowledgeable of issues relevant to culture and society
- Ability to think logically and critically and make analogies
- Excellent skills in oral and written expression
- Ability to make critical observations and evaluations
- Strong research skills
- Excellent proficiency in reading, speaking and writing
- Ability to understand ideas and values
- Possess a diversity of knowledge across many topics
- Proficiency in analytical reasoning
- Posses strong skills in computer technology
- Wide ranging curiosity
- Understanding of popular culture and trends

Range of Example Positions held by American Ethnic Studies minors
Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit O*NET On-line.

- Advertising Copywriter
- Arts Educator
- Attorney
- Business Manager
- Career Counselor
- City Planner
- Community Affairs Specialist
- Counselor
- Cultural Affairs Coordinator
- Cultural Communications Specialist
- Cultural Studies Instructor
- Development Positions
- Director, Nonprofit
- Educational Consultant
- English Teacher
- Entrepreneur
- Freelance Writer
- Fundraiser
- Grant Writer
- Historic Preservationist
- Human Resources Manager
- Journalist
- Market Researcher
- Medical Doctor
- Multicultural Educator
- Museum Curator
- Professor/Educator
- Public Administrator
- Public Relations
- Scientific Writing
- Screenwriter
- Social Worker
- Teacher
- Television Producer
- Travel Writer
- Urban Renewalist
Professional Associations
Professional associations or organizations can be a great way to meet, learn from and network with professionals in your field of interest. Inexpensive student memberships are often available. These are only a sampling of professional associations. Be sure to search for others that may be applicable or helpful.

- Black Business & Professional Association (BBPA)
- Black Career Women (BCW)
- NAACP
- National Council Of Negro Women, Inc., Southern California Area
- The International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (IHRAAM)