Knowledge & Skills gained as a Black Studies major:

Knowledge:

• Understand the history of the discipline of Black Studies, the social-political and academic arena in which it developed, its major contributors, and how its distinctive treatment of subject matter has been affected by its historical evolution

• Knowledge of and respect for the culture, values, and belief systems of the global community; understand the commonalities and contrived differences between and among groups

Skills:

• Critical analysis: Ability to use the African-centered perspective to interpret and analyze and critique ideas, texts, social, historical and cultural phenomena

• Effective Communication: Ability to effectively discuss, analyze, and present ideas both oral and written

• Problem solving: Contribute to the betterment of society by identifying critical social issues and problems and employing appropriate empirical methods to pursue causes, effects, and solutions

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Course Highlights in Black Studies:

- BLST 1000: Intro to Black Studies
- BLST 1050: Ancient African Civilization
- BLST 1220: Law in the Black Community
- BLST 1950: Black Women in America
- BLST 2100: Black American Culture
- BLST 2410: African American History to 1865
- BLST 2430: African American History: Emancipation to Brown
- BLST 2430: African American History: Since 1954
- BLST 2510: Music and the Black Experience
- BLST 2710: Africana Worldview
- BLST 2730: Religion & Theology in Afro-America
- BLST 3030: Geography of Africa
- BLST 3120: The Black Experience in American Politics
- BLST 3400: Issues in Black Communities
- BLST 3510: Cultural Communication in African-American Cinema
- BLST 3650: Slavery & Race Relations in the Americas
- BLST 3920: Black Aesthetics
- BLST 4120: Black Women Leaders in Liberation Movements
- BLST 4580: Communicating Race, Ethnicity, Identity
- BLST 4710: Brown vs. Board of Education

Career Opportunities:

By nature, Social Science majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers in a variety of professions. Specifically, however, when the Black Studies major is matched with programs of study in other fields and thoughtful internships, endless possibilities arise. Professions range from A (Astronaut) to Z (Zoo administrator). A few examples of career professions are:

- Business, Industry, Labor
- Education
- Law & Criminal Justice
- Literature, Poetry, Drama
- Medicine & Health
- News Media & Publishing
- Performing Arts & Entertainment
- Politics & Government
- Religion
- Science & Technology
- Social & Community Services
- Sports
- Visual & Decorative Arts

For more information:

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