AFRICAN-AMERICAN & AFRICAN STUDIES, AMERICAN STUDIES ANCIENT MEDITERRANEAN CIVILIZATIONS, PUERTO RICAN STUDIES, and SLAVIC STUDIES

The African-American & African Studies department offers an interdisciplinary major that focuses on the historical, socioeconomic, and cultural experiences of African-Americans, and African people in the worldwide diaspora. Courses also are designed to integrate scholarship on gender, race and class.

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The major in American studies examines the many cultures of the United States from an interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary point of view. The program is developed by student and advisor around relevant courses in American studies and other disciplines to combine reading, library research, and fieldwork. Independent study on special projects is encouraged. Each student should select one of the following areas of concentration: literature, fine arts and history; science and technology; popular culture and the media; folklore and folklife.

The interdepartmental major in Ancient and Medieval Civilizations encourages students to study the give-and-take among the contiguous civilizations of Eurasia and North Africa, and to appreciate, and to appreciate how this exchange facilitated material and intellectual development from the earliest times through the Middle Ages. These civilizations are approached through courses in history, language and literature, archaeology and art, anthropology, religion and myth, technology, law, and philosophy. Students may choose to concentrate either in Classical or in Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations. Complementary courses in the concentration not chosen, as well as in related subjects, should be selected with the help of an advisor. The ancient and medieval civilizations program provides an excellent general education in the humanities, as well as a foundation for graduate studies or professional training, such as law.

The Puerto Rican studies program offers an interdisciplinary and cross-cultural major and minor that provides and opportunity for Rutgers students to understand the Puerto Rican community of New Jersey, the United States and Puerto Rico. To achieve this goal, the courses adopt a comparative approach, making sure to place discussion of Puerto Rican topics in the broader context of the Caribbean and Latin America, and in terms of the complex relationship that has existed since 1898 between Puerto Rico and the United States. Except for the two literature courses, which are offered in Spanish, all other courses are taught in English. Students with interests in the fields of law, medicine, social work and criminal justice, among
others, or in careers in the public sector find many courses very useful.

**SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS**

Anthropologist  
Archeologist  
Editor, Map  
Foreign Service Officer (Government)  
Geographer  
Historian  
Intelligence Agent - Anti-Terrorism (Government)  
Intelligence Specialist (Government)  
International Peacekeeping Negotiator (Government)  
Interpreter, Foreign Languages  
Peace Corps Worker (Volunteer)  
Political Scientist  
Scientific Linguist  
Translator, Foreign Languages  
Travel Guide  
Travel Writer (Journalist)

**Organizations who have hired Graduates:**

Prevent Child Abuse  
Mirae Foundation  
Fund for American Studies  
Association of Hispanic Arts  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
ArtsPower National Touring Theatre  
Guess. Inc.  
Seattle Times  
Women's Sports Foundation  
WKDU

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