AFRICAN CULTURAL STUDIES, BS

ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING

If you like to plan, seeing your major advisor is very important; it can make the difference between fitting in Contemporary Arabic Literature and Culture and South Africa’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission before you graduate. Many students also try to complete more than one major or certificate, and discussing how you might be able to reach this goal is another primary role of your major advisor. Advisors can speak to you about course content, which courses fit best with your interest areas, and what kinds of courses might work best with your learning style. Any and all of these discussions can occur during your advising appointment.

In addition to discussing the major, advisors also know a lot about:

- General Education requirements
- Breadth requirements
- Interpreting university policies and deadlines
- Connecting majors to careers
- Getting involved with campus organizations
- Finding volunteer and/or internship opportunities
- Talking about your academic challenges and difficulties
- Connecting with tutors
- Picking a study abroad program
- Practicing for interviews
- Talking about graduate school
- Proofreading résumés and cover letters

CAREERS

Humanities majors develop a wide variety of skills and talents, so they’re prepared for just about any type of career or educational pursuit. Our coursework builds the critical thinking and communication skills needed to succeed in careers ranging from politics and education to business and law.

One of the more significant skills ACS majors develop is **language acquisition**. We offer a number of funding opportunities (https://languages.wisc.edu/scholarships/) to support language study, small class sizes with more opportunity for participation and cultural exchange, unique study abroad and international internship experiences, and instructors who are primarily native speakers with a keen interest in teaching. Plus, UW-Madison ranks #1 in the nation for students earning a bachelor’s degree in language other than English!

In addition to the valuable language training and cultural competence an ACS major affords you, consider what you learn in the classroom as well as what you do each day to be a successful student. The skills you develop are equally important in the workplace:

- critical reading, reflection, and analysis
- expanded world view and exposure to new ideas/ways of thinking

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