Gender & Women's Studies

Gender and Women's Studies majors investigate the key role of gender in social life, and its interplay with race, class, as well as the reasons that unequal access to resources and power persists in the world. Central to Gender & Women's Studies is respect for diversity; a concern for social justice; and an exploration of alternative ways of achieving self-expression, conducting research, and working in the world.

A major in Gender & Women's Studies provides graduates with background understanding as well as specific skills to engage in a very wide variety of endeavors, informing those activities with contextual awareness.

The job outlook varies greatly, depending on the type of activity or organization with which a person works. For instance, graduates going into business may earn high salaries and have many opportunities in the business marketing field. Graduates working in social services may focus their attention on planning and administration, or direct delivery of services, and salaries differ accordingly. Whatever the field or salary, satisfaction often comes from an awareness of the sociological context and value of the work being undertaken.

Some career possibilities for Gender & Women's Studies majors:

Advertising Executive  Gerontology Counselor  Psychologist
Author  Journalist  Public Speaker
Career Counselor  Lawyer  Rape Crisis Intervention
Child Care Professional  Lobbyist  Advocate
Divorce/Relationship Counselor  Midwife/Birth Educator  Research Analyst
Community Organizer  Minister  Self-defense Instructor
Counselor  Policy Writer  Social Worker
Domestic Abuse Counselor  Politician  Speech Writer
Eating Disorders Specialist  Pro-Choice Advocate  Teacher
Family Counselor  Program Director  Women's Issues Advocate

Possible employers of Gender & Women's Studies majors:

Advocacy Groups  Hospitals  Political Parties
Community Action Programs  Law Firms  Publishing Houses
Consulting Firms  Local, State, Federal, & Tribal  Research Agencies
Counseling Centers  Government  Schools, Colleges & Universities
Daycare Centers  Magazines & Journals  Support Group Centers
Family Centers  Non-profit Organizations  Women's Organizations
Health Care Agencies  Phone Crisis Hotlines  Women's Shelters

Professional Organizations & Additional Information:

National Women's Studies Association
7100 Baltimore Ave, Ste 502
College Park MD 20740
www.nwsa.org

WomenSpirit Coalition
P.O. Box 13260
Olympia, WA 98506-3260
www.womenspiritcoalition.org

Gender Watchers
3175 S. Hoover St, #353
Los Angeles, CA 90007
www.genderwatchers.org

Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center
P.O. Box 572
Lake Andes, SD 57356
www.nativehealth.org

Dads & Daughters
2 W. First Street, Suite 101
Duluth, MN 55802
www.dadsanddaughters.org

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P.O. Box 7427, Jaf Station
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http://userpages.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/links_actv.html