

Women's and Gender Studies

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 allows you to also gain specific transferable skills of interest to particular employers and industries.

Graduates with a major in Women's and Gender 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 systematically and critically
- Ability to effectively discuss controversial topics
- Knowledgeable of issues relevant to women 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
- Possess strong skills in computer technology
- Wide ranging curiosity
- Understanding of popular culture and trends
- Ability to understand how various axes of social identity might shape and affect a person's cultural, social and personal worlds.

Range of Example Positions held by Women's and Gender Studies Majors

Please note that some of these positions require an advanced degree. For more information and descriptions of these careers, visit [O*NET On-line](#).

- Account Supervisor-Marketing
- Accountant
- Advertising Copywriter
- Arts Educator
- Businessperson
- Career Counselor
- College Professor
- Columnist
- Community Activist
- Consultant
- Curator
- Director, Nonprofit
- Editorial Writer or Assistant
- English Teacher
- Entrepreneur
- Family Planning Counselor
- Feminist Organization Worker
- Foreign Correspondent
- Freelance Writer
- Fundraiser
- Historic Preservationist
- Human Resources Manager
- Journalist
- Lawyer
- Manager/Supervisor
- Market Researcher
- Museum Exhibit Programmer
- News Analyst
- Production Assistant
- Public Relations Consultant
- Publisher
- Scientific Writing
- Screenwriter
- Social Worker
- Teacher
- Television Producer
- Translator
- Travel Writer

- Web Designer

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.

- [American Business Women's Association](#)
- [Executive Women International](#)
- [Girls Incorporated](#)
- [Business & Professional Women's Foundation \(BPW/USA\)](#)
- [National Women's Studies Association](#)
- [The Enterprising Woman](#)
- [UCLA Center for The Study of Women](#)
- [Women Alive](#)
- [Women's College Coalition](#)
- [Women's National Book Association](#)
- [Women's Studies Section, Association of College & Research Libraries](#)
- [YWCA USA](#)