FROM STUDY TO SKILLS

All academic programs offered at the UM help students develop valuable transferable skills. Women’s Studies aims to bridge gender, racial, economic, religious, and national divides; create knowledge about women, gender, race, and sexuality; challenge power inequities; and improve the lives of women and men.

In our increasingly diverse world, the breadth of Women’s Studies makes it an ideal liberal arts concentration. Addressing theory, history, political science, psychology, economics, health, literature, and the arts, women’s studies concentrators develop a broad range of theoretical and practical skills.


SKILLS AND ABILITIES

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BUILDING YOUR SKILLS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

Employers seek out individuals who can demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills, teamwork and interpersonal skills, initiative, and a strong work ethic. Student organizations, campus employment, and community service learning offer valuable opportunities to add to the skills you are developing in your classes. Other options include study abroad, off-campus employment or volunteering in the community. Finally, a summer internship may be the best way of all to test out a career field and develop marketable skills.
FROM SKILLS TO CAREER

Women’s Studies concentrators develop both analytical and social interaction skills applicable to a wide range of careers. For example, the project development skills of compiling and organizing information may be equally useful whether working as a lobbyist, a development officer, or an account manager.

**Project-Development Skills**
- Public interest group director
- Health Science administrator
- Development officer
- City Planner
- Director of a Crisis Center
- University academic administrator

**Research/Analytical Skills**
- Attorney
- Paralegal
- Account executive
- Market researcher
- Grants coordinator
- Physician
- Librarian

= Further Study Required

For more career information, see O*Net at [online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org)

The majority of Women’s Studies concentrators end up working in education, health care, nonprofits, or the law. Many concentrators go on to graduate or professional school. The list below is a sample of careers undertaken by Women’s Studies graduates.

**Interpersonal/Cross-Cultural Skills**
- Sales representative
- Personnel director
- Television programming director
- Lobbyist
- Community organizer
- Psychotherapist
- Counselor/social worker
- Clergy
- Nurse/midwife
- Student services director
- Affirmative action officer

**Communication Skills**
- Journalist
- Publications coordinator
- Politician
- Health educator
- Teacher
- College professor

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

As an interdisciplinary program, the WS concentration provides students with an understanding of women, gender, and sexuality from a multicultural and global perspective. Concentration requirements include WS240 Intro to Women’s Studies, WS 330 Feminist Thought, WS 440 Senior Capstone Seminar, a practicum course, and a course in each area: LGBTQ Studies; Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in the U.S.; Gender, Culture, and Representation; and Gender in a Global Context.

Minors are also offered in Gender and Health; Gender, Race, and Ethnicity; and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Sexualities Studies (LGBTQ).

Complete information about the concentration and our minors may be found in the LSA Bulletin and on the website.

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NEXT STEPS/RESOURCES

To learn more about the career paths of Women’s Studies graduates, visit:
-[lsa.umich.edu/women/resources/employmentresourcesforstudents](http://lsa.umich.edu/women/resources/employmentresourcesforstudents)
-[lsa.umich.edu/women/alumni/graduatestudentplacement](http://lsa.umich.edu/women/alumni/graduatestudentplacement)

To begin connecting to professionals in fields that interest you, create your own LinkedIn account:
-[careercenter.umich.edu/article/getting-started-linkedin](http://careercenter.umich.edu/article/getting-started-linkedin)

To identify internships or job opportunities, visit Career Center Connector: [careercenter.umich.edu/article/c3](http://careercenter.umich.edu/article/c3)

On-campus jobs (work-study and non work-study jobs) are listed at:
-[studentemployment.umich.edu/JobX_Home.aspx](http://studentemployment.umich.edu/JobX_Home.aspx)

Maize Pages list hundreds of organizations for students to get involved in:
-[maizepages.umich.edu](http://maizepages.umich.edu)

**The Career Center**
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