



Women's Studies

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.

Related fields include History, Psychology, Philosophy, Law, Political Science, International Studies, Public Health, Public Policy, Sociology, Communication Studies, History of Art, and Literature.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Project-Development Skills

- Assessing needs /interests
- Planning project
- Evaluating outcomes
- Translating theory into action
- Developing research ideas
- Organizing materials / information

Research/Analytical Skills

- Analyzing data
- Organizing ideas
- Interpreting ideas /events
- Interdisciplinary methods
- Making decisions
- Examining evidence
- Compiling and evaluating information
- Comparing /contrasting ideas and information

Interpersonal/

Cross-Cultural Skills

- Leading / participating in groups
- Comparing cultures / societies
- Developing sensitivity to / understanding of differing viewpoints
- Working within organizations
- Coordinating committees

Communication Skills

- Writing clearly
- Making effective oral presentations
- Presenting viewpoints / analyses
- Understanding /speaking to persons of different backgrounds
- Conveying ideas
- Listening to others

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

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 Sexuality Studies (LGBTQS).

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 or 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

To identify internships or job opportunities, visit Career Center Connector: careercenter.umich.edu/article/c3

On-campus jobs (work-study and non work-study jobs) are listed at:

studentemployment.umich.edu/JobX_Home.aspx

Maize Pages list hundreds of organizations for students to get involved in:

maizepages.umich.edu

The Career Center

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