WHAT CAN I DO WITH MY GENDER & WOMEN’S STUDIES DEGREE?

HUMAN SERVICES

Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals, Women’s Rights Organizations

- Community Service Agency Worker
- Recreation Coordinator
- Family Services Specialist
- Child Support Case Officer
- Parent Educator
- Women's Rights Advocate
- Battered Women’s Center Director
- Rape crisis program director
- Planned Parenthood Clinic Coord.
- Advocate for domestic violence victims coordinator

- Race Relations Specialist
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Community Outreach Worker
- Eligibility Specialist
- Violence Prevention Educator
- Child Welfare Worker
- Advocate for hate-crime Victims
- Sexual assault/abuse educator
- Recreational Therapist

- Social Service Administrator
- Caseworker
- Activities Leader
- Youth Counselor
- Teen Center Director
- Career Counselor
- Nurse-midwife
- Clinical Social Worker

PUBLIC POLICY

Congress / State Legislature / Local Government

- Congressional/Legislative Aide
- Legislative Research Assistant
- Campaign Staffer
- Committee Staff Person
- Legislative Correspondent
- Constituent Aide

- Press Secretary
- Communications Director

Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)

- Public Opinion Interviewer
- Community/Field Organizer
- Program Developer/Coordinator
- Fund-Raiser/Development Associate
- Office Manager

- Lobbyist
- Membership Coordinator
- Political Organizer
- Convention Organizer
- Government Affairs Specialist

- Public Policy Analyst
- Project Manager
- Legislative Liaison
- Conference Coordinator

Research Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)

- Project Assistant
- Research Associate

- Public Policy Analyst

Foundations

- Aide

- Researcher
- Proposal Reviewer

LAW / CORRECTIONS / REHABILITATION

- Probation/Parole Officer
- Correctional Caseworker
- Investigative Assistant
- Customs/Immigration Officer

- Police Officer
- Court Appointed Advocate
- Intelligence Support Analyst
- Consultant

- Corrections Officer
- Legal Assistant
- CIA/FBI Agent

GOVERNMENT

Local, State and Federal Agencies (Transportation, Housing, Commerce)

- Population Studies Researcher
- Contract Administrator/Specialist
- Quality Assurance Specialist

- Urban/Regional Planner
- Researcher/Statistician
- Program Evaluator

- Public Affairs Officer
- Civil Rights Investigator
- Survey Analyst

EDUCATION

High Schools, Colleges, Universities

- Teacher
- Literacy Program Coordinator
- Program Director
- Coordinator of Internship Program

- Admissions Counselor
- Curriculum Specialist
- Residential Life Coordinator
- Educational Developer

- Financial Aid Counselor
- Area Coordinator
- Staff Assistant Advisor
HEALTH

Hospitals, Insurers, Government, Non-Profits (Family Planning, Substance Abuse)

- Research Assistant
- Family Planning Counselor
- Fund Raiser/Development Specialist
- Medical Admissions Staff
- Health Educator
- Activities Leader
- Community Outreach Worker
- Patient Advocate
- Caseworker
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Program Coordinator

BUSINESS

Advertising / Marketing / Public Relations

- Marketing Research Analyst
- Advertising Salesperson
- Special Events Coordinator
- Public Relations Specialist
- Marketing Coordinator
- Consumer Survey Supervisor
- Copywriter
- Media Buyer

Human Resources

- Personnel/Human Resources Asst.
- EEO/Affirmative Action Officer
- Interviewer
- Benefits Coordinator
- Payroll Officer
- Staffing Specialist
- Trainer
- Recruiter
- Job Developer

Insurance

- Claims Representative/ Examiner
- Insurance Agent
- Underwriter

Banking / Finance

- Branch Manager
- Loan Representative
- Property Manager

Retail / Sales

- Assistant Buyer
- Store/Department Manager
- Sales Representative

Publishing / Journalism

- Editorial Assistant
- Reporter
- Publishing Assistant
- Salesperson
- Technical Writer
- Copy Editor
- Promotions Assistant
- Circulation Manager
- News Assistant

KEEP IN MIND...

This list is just a brief introduction to your career options - it is not a complete list! Also keep in mind that although these career fields are open to you as a Women's Studies major, you must take extra steps to prepare yourself for a competitive job market. It is important to:

1. obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experience (see CDC about their part-time, major-related job announcements and/or the Shriver Center about co-op, internship, and service opportunities.)
2. supplement your Women's Studies course work with classes that would be relevant and beneficial to your chosen career field.

Make an appointment with a career specialist for suggestions on researching your career options, choosing a career field, and preparing for your chosen occupation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Career Resource Center (MP 212):

- 100 Jobs in Social Change

Internet sites: that allow you to explore career options for Gender & Women's Studies degree:

- Career Development Center - Links by Major: http://www.careers.umbc.edu/students/websites_major.php

Professional Associations:

- National Women's Studies Association: http://www.nwsa.org

UMBC, Career Services Center, MP 212, 410-455-2216, http://www.careers.umbc.edu