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

Using the Major Sheet:
• Large headings indicate industry area and subheadings indicate employers within that area.
• Use the titles to search for careers and related careers in order to explore your options within different areas of industry. Note that some career titles have multiple names for similar positions.
• An asterisk (*) notes that additional training (certification, graduate school, high level of experience) may be needed in order to obtain this career. Make sure to thoroughly research career pathways.

HUMAN SERVICES
Advocacy Groups, Government, Non-Profits, Hospitals, Women’s Rights Organizations
• Community Service Agency Worker • Race Relations Specialist • Social Service Administrator
• Recreation Coordinator • Volunteer Coordinator • Caseworker
• Family Services Specialist • Community Outreach Worker • Recreation Worker
• Child Support Case Officer • Eligibility Specialist • Youth Counselor
• Parent Educator • Violence Prevention Educator • Teen Center Director
• Women’s Rights Advocate • Child Welfare Worker • Career Counselor
• Battered Women’s Center Director • Advocate for Hate-Crime Victims • Nurse/Midwife
• Rape Crisis Program Director • Sexual Assault/Abuse Educator • Clinical Social Worker
• Planned Parenthood Clinical Coord. • Domestic Violence Victim Advocate • Recreational Therapist

PUBLIC POLICY
Congress / State Legislature / Local Government
• Congressional/Legislative Aide • Committee Staff Person • Press Secretary
• Legislative Research Assistant • Legislative Correspondent • Communications Director
• Campaign Staffer • Constituent Aide
Policy Organizations (Issue-Oriented/Non-Profits/National Associations)
• Public Opinion Interviewer • Lobbyist • Public Policy Analyst
• Community/Field Organizer • Membership Coordinator • Project Manager
• Program Developer/Coordinator • Political Organizer • Legislative Liaison
• Fund-Raiser/Development Associate • Convention Organizer • Conference Coordinator
• Office Manager • Government Affairs Specialist
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 • Police Officer • Corrections Officer
• Correctional Caseworker • Court Appointed Advocate • Legal Assistant
• Investigative Assistant • Intelligence Support Analyst • CIA/FBI Agent
• Customs/Immigration Officer • Consultant

GOVERNMENT
Local, State and Federal Agencies (Transportation, Housing, Commerce)
• Population Studies Researcher • Urban/Regional Planner • Public Affairs Officer
• Contract Administrator/Specialist • Researcher/Statistician • Civil Rights Investigator
• Quality Assurance Specialist • Program Evaluator • 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
• Copywriter
• Marketing Coordinator
• 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

Preparation for a Competitive Job Market:
• Focus on transferable skill sets as you pursue a degree in Gender and Women’s Studies.
• Obtain relevant internship, co-op, or volunteer experiences.
• Supplement Gender and Women’s Studies coursework with classes that are relevant to your career.
• Meet with a Career Specialist to explore options, make decisions, and prepare for career choices.

Additional Career Center Resources:
• Related Major Sheets (GWST, ENGL, MLL, PSYCH, POLI): http://careers.umbc.edu/tools/major-sheets/
• Links by Major: http://careers2.umbc.edu/tools/links.php
• Vault: http://careers.umbc.edu/students/discover/explore-careers-majors/
  - Click on Vault Career Insider portal link and provide UMBC user ID and password
  - Select “Guides” to view relevant guides such as:
    “Vault Guide to Public Relations Jobs”
    “Vault Guide to Writing and Editing Jobs”
    “Vault Guide to Social Services Jobs”
  ”Vault Career Guide to Market Research”
  “Vault Career Guide to Hospitality”
  “Vault Guide to Nonprofit Jobs”
  “Vault Guide to Event Planning Jobs”

• Professional Associations:
  National Women’s Studies Association: www.nwsa.org

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