

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
- 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 Clinical Coord.
- 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
- Domestic Violence Victim Advocate
- Social Service Administrator
- Caseworker
- Recreation Worker
- Youth Counselor
- Teen Center Director
- Career Counselor
- Nurse/Midwife
- Clinical Social Worker
- Recreational Therapist

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
- Insurance Customer Service Rep.
- 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

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 Career Guide to Consulting"

"Career Launcher: Law"

"Vault Guide to Nonprofit Jobs"

"Vault Guide to Social Services Jobs"

"Vault Career Guide to Market Research"

"Vault Career Guide to Hospitality"

"Vault Guide to Writing and Editing Jobs"

"Vault Guide to Education Jobs"

"Vault Guide to Event Planning Jobs"

- **Professional Associations:**

National Women's Studies Association: www.nwsa.org

United Nations Women: <http://www.unwomen.org/en>

Women's Rights Worldwide: <http://womensrightsworldwide.org/index.html>