



WHY MAJOR OR MINOR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES?

The Women's Studies Program is a flexible interdisciplinary academic program devoted to the critical analysis of gender and the pursuit of knowledge about women. Combining the methods and insights of traditional academic disciplines with the special insights of Women's Studies scholarship, our courses yield fresh perspectives which illuminate the origins of and changes in diverse cultural and social arrangements. The Women's Studies major is broad as well as flexible, and each student's plan of study can readily reflect individual interests as well as complement a second major.

Gender is a common thread in all our course offerings, but it always interweaves race, class, and other factors that contribute to the diversity of women's lives. The Women's Studies Program is committed to a vision of women and gender that is truly international and cross-cultural. Without this perspective, our view of the world is profoundly impoverished and stereotypes will continue to distort our understanding.

The Program prepares students to employ critical learning in their private lives as well as in their public roles as citizens and members of our complex work force, and it enhances their ability to work with and for women to create a more humane society. Women's Studies fosters interdisciplinary breadth and critical thinking, thus opening the way to a wide variety of career choices and graduate programs. Women's Studies students are flourishing in social service agencies, the arts, business, law, education, and journalism. Many employers appreciate the broad perspective of a Women's Studies education.

If you are considering a major or minor in Women's Studies but are wondering what your prospects for employment or graduate education might be, notice the diverse career paths some of our former students have chosen:

Advocacy	Lobbyist	Radio Broadcasting
Editing	Magazine Editing	Research
Graphic Design	Marketing	Social Service
Law	Medical Fields	Social Work
Counseling	Politics	Teaching: all levels
Crisis Intervention	Psychology	Television Production
Human Resources	Public Policy	Theater & Arts
Insurance Underwriting	Publishing	Writing

The Women's Studies Major or Minor provides an exceptional Liberal Arts education. In addition, it enhances or develops your skills in critical thinking, writing, communication, and collaboration. All of these skills are vital in today's job market and as you can see from the above list, our students are fully prepared to enter a wide range of careers. When someone asks what you can do with a major or minor in Women's Studies, tell them "anything you want!", and do it better with this educational background.

For more information, please visit our website:

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