

WOMEN & GENDER STUDIES

Women's Studies, based on recent feminist scholarship, is a program for both genders that examines a variety of disciplines, examining and emphasizing them in the context of women's issues in those fields. Courses critically examine women's experience, cultural myths and assumptions as well as perceptions that have characterized women in a variety of academic and social disciplines.

TYPICAL SKILLS

Ability to appreciate other perspectives
Ability to communicate/express oneself
Ability to think critically and flexibly

Empathy for women's concerns
Ability to evaluate
Ability to read/analyze data

TYPICAL JOBS LIST

The following are actual job titles of people who have graduated with an undergraduate degree in Women and Gender Studies although some of these positions may require education beyond a bachelors.

ADVOCATE

AGING COUNSELOR

This person would counsel the aging population with regard to social, behavioral, moral and legal issues concerning the elderly. Generally, this person would work within a social agency.

AUTHOR

Writes to communicate ideas, images, emotions, information or opinions.

CAREER COUNSELOR

This person would assist individuals in assessing abilities and interests regarding employment and education as well as provide information concerning various occupations and hiring agencies/institutions. Most jobs in this area require higher education and/or certification.

CHILD/ELDERLY CARE PROFESSIONAL

This individual might be hired by daycare institutions for children, adults or the developmentally challenged persons. This usually requires licenses and/or certification.

DAYCARE CENTER OWNER

This person is self-employed and may or may not actually have direct contact with his or her clients. Provides care for children, adults or developmentally challenged individuals. Adheres to local, state and federal guidelines and regulations.

DIVORCE COUNSELOR

This person would provide transitional support and counsel for family units that are in the process of reconfiguration. Requires advanced degree and licensure.

EATING DISORDER COUNSELOR

This person may or may not have a medical, nutrition or counseling degree and would likely be hired by medical and/or weight-related clinics. May be employed by schools or freelance as an expert speaker.

EDUCATOR/ RESEARCHER

FAMILY COUNSELOR

This person would work with families in crisis, seeking to mediate and resolve divisive issues, especially as they relate to women and gender.

GERONTOLOGIST

This person is a licensed physician who specializes in medical health science related to aging.

LAWYER

A licensed professional who interprets laws and government regulations for individuals and organizations. Acts both as impartial advisor and advocate. As advisor, helps clients comply with the law, protect their interests and avoid being sued. As advocate, negotiates with other parties on behalf of clients and argues vigorously on their behalf in disputes that reach the courts.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELOR

Applies principles, methods, and therapeutic techniques to individuals, family groups, couples, or organizations for the purpose of resolving emotional conflicts. In doing so, they modify people's perceptions and behaviors, enhance communication and understanding among all family members, and help to prevent family and individual crises.

LOBBYIST

Distributes materials and disseminates information about a particular issue or organization, recruits volunteers, solicits funds, and organizes such efforts as rallies, letter-writing campaigns, and voter registration drives.

HIRING ORGANIZATIONS

Advocacy groups
Career counseling firms
Colleges/universities
Community agencies
Consulting firms
Counseling centers
Daycare centers
Educational institutions
Family counseling centers
Government agencies
Women's shelters
Health agencies
Youth agencies

Hospitals
Journals/magazines
Law firms
Phone crisis lines
Planned Parenthood
Research agencies
Support group agencies
Volunteer Organizations
Women's agencies
YWCA

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association for Women in Development
666 11th St., NW, Suite 450
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 628-0440 fax: (202) 628-0442
<http://www.awid.org/>
awid@awid.org

Feminist Majority Foundation
8105 West Third Street
Los Angeles, CA 90048
(323) 651-0495 fax: (323) 653-2689
www.feminist.org/
femajority@feminist.org

National Organization for Women
1000 16th St., NW Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 331-0066 fax: (323) 653-2689
www.now.org/
now@now.org

National Women's Study Association
University of Maryland
7100 Baltimore Blvd, Suite 500
College Park, MD 20740
(301) 403-0525 fax: (301) 403-4137
<http://www.nwsa.org/>
nwsa@uemail.umd.edu

National Family Planning &
Reproduction Health Association
1627 K Street, NW 12th Floor
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 293-3114 fax: (202) 293-1990
www.nfprha.org/
info@nfprha.org

MISCELLANEOUS

[Advancing Women](#): Career and business-related info, including raising funds and balancing one's career and home life.

[Career Clinic](#): Workshops for women.

[Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce](#): It's mission is to "create an economic community for women in business through education, training, networking, partnerships and alliances.

[Directory of Women's Associations \(business-oriented\)](#)

[Field of Dreams](#): site for women "to create, promote and develop successful women-owned businesses."

[Women, Minorities, and Other Affinity Groups and Audiences](#): from the Riley Guide

[Top Websites for Women's Studies](#): from the Social Science Information Gateway (SOSIG).

[Women of Colorado](#): General information and a Career-Business section.

[Working Mother Magazine](#): A magazine that "helps women integrate their professional lives, their family lives and their inner lives."

[Women's Business Center Online](#): Step-by-step guide to starting a business along with a directory of links. From the Small Business Administration.

[Women's Work](#): Provides resources that help people move from corporations (or any other large organization where someone else has control over your career and well-being) to smaller firms or to setting up their own business.

Comprehensive Sites

[Women's Studies Resources](#)

An extensive Web site for women's studies and one of the first; maintained by University of Maryland, College Park.

<http://www.mith2.umd.edu/WomensStudies>

[Women's Studies Librarian's Office, University of Wisconsin](#)

Particularly noteworthy for its inclusion of publications, bibliographies, and its collection of electronic resources.

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/WomensStudies>

[Canadian Women's Studies On-Line](#)

Includes information on resources, organizations, and programs in Canada and internationally.

<http://www.utoronto.ca/womens/cdnwomen.htm>

[The Feminist Majority Foundation](#)

Includes information under several categories, such as a Feminist Research Center, a Feminist University Network, and a Feminist Career Center.

<http://www.feminist.org>

[Women's Studies/Women's Issues WWW Sites](#)

Amazing collection of women's studies and women's issues links compiled by Joan Korenman.

<http://umbc7.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/links.html>

[Women's Studies Resources](#)

Well-organized listing of sites and news stories of interest in women's studies. Maintained by Karla Tonella, University of Iowa

<http://bailiwick.lib.uiowa.edu/wstudies/>

Directories and Search Engines

Women-Focused Search Engines

[FeMiNa](#)

Created "to provide women with a comprehensive, searchable directory of links to female-friendly sites and information on the World Wide Web," this site features the ability to perform keyword searching in addition to browsing by category.

<http://www.femina.com>

[WWWomen Web](#)

Billing itself as "The Premier Search Directory for Women Online," WWWomen features searching by keyword with boolean options as well as by category

<http://www.wwwomen.com>

Women's Organizations

[A Directory of Women's Professional Organizations](#)

Includes business, legal, medical, philanthropical, and sports organizations
<http://www.feminist.org/gateway/feministgateway-results.asp?category1=organizations>

[Global List of Women's Organisations](#)

International directory of women's organizations organized by country. Created and maintained by Denise Osted.
<http://www.distel.ca/womlist/womlist.html>

Women's Studies Programs

[Artemist Guide to Women's Studies Programs in the U. S.](#)

Kate Robinson's guide to program's in the US.

<http://www.artemisguide.com>

[Canadian Women's Studies Programmes](#)

Includes information on Canadian undergraduate and graduate programs, research institutes, and women's studies programs in the US

<http://www.utoronto.ca/womens/cdnprog.htm>

[Women's Studies Programs, Departments, & Research Centers](#)

Joan Korenman's page includes both US and international sites.

<http://umbc7.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/programs.html>

Media

Comprehensive Sites

[Magazines and Newsletters on the Web \(Women-Focused\)](#)

Listing of journals, magazines, and zines compiled and maintained by the Office of the University of Wisconsin System Women's Studies Librarian.

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/WomensStudies/mags.htm>

[Women's Studies: Journals](#)

Yahoo's Collection of Women's Journals.

http://dir.yahoo.com/Social_Science/women_s_studies/journals

[WWWomen Page Magazine Section](#)

Annotated listing of magazines, journals, and zines from WWWomen.

<http://www.wwwomen.com/category/public/magazi1.html>

[WSS Core Serials Project](#)

List of titles that are core to supporting women's studies in academic libraries.

<http://libr.org/wss/projects/serial.html>

Select Individual Sites

[Feminist Collections: A Quarterly of Women's Studies Resources](#)

This website for the journal contains tables of contents and sample articles.

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/WomensStudies/fcmain.htm>

[Resources for Feminist Research / Documentation sur la Recherche Féministe](#)

This web site for the bilingual (English/French) Canadian scholarly journal contains information about the publication as well as tables of contents and abstracts from back issues.

<http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/rfr>

Libraries, Archives, Library Schools, Pathfinders

[Library Resources for Women's Studies](#)

Includes information on useful or unique collections of Women's Studies resources and collections available on the Internet.

<http://www.ibiblio.org/cheryb/women/librcws.html>

[The Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America](#)

One of the premier research libraries in the United States devoted to the history of women.

<http://www.radcliffe.edu/schles/>

[Sophia Smith Collection](#)

Founded in 1942, the Sophia Smith Collection includes 6,000 linear feet of material documenting "the historical experience of women in the United States and abroad from the colonial era to the present." Subject strengths include birth control, women's rights, suffrage, the contemporary women's movement, U.S. women working

abroad, and the arts (especially theatre)

<http://www.smith.edu/libraries/libs/ssc/home.html>

[The New York Public Library, Women's Studies: A Research Guide](#)

An introduction to women's studies research at the New York Public Library, with an emphasis on the holdings of the General Research Division.

<http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/grd/resguides/women/>

[Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture](#)

An integral part of the Special Collections Library at Duke, the Sallie Bingham Center acquires, preserves and makes available published and unpublished materials reflecting the public and private lives of women, past and present.

<http://odyssey.lib.duke.edu/women>

[Jewish Women's Archives](#)

"The mission of the Jewish Women's Archive is to uncover, chronicle, and transmit the rich history of Jewish women, their impact on Jewish culture, and their active participation in society at large."

<http://www.jwa.org/main.htm>

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<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/ws/index.html>

Women's and Gender Studies is the interdisciplinary examination of women and gender across cultures and epochs. Women's and Gender Studies addresses significant omissions in traditional scholarship by examining the history, contributions and accomplishments of women, and by studying the ways gender has structured intellectual and social traditions. Women's and Gender Studies calls attention to how issues of gender intersect with other structures of power such as race and class.

UofL Women's and Gender Studies offers a Bachelor of Arts degree, a Bachelor of Science degree, and two undergraduate minors.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

- [UofL Women's Center](#), (Check out the Financial Aid link on the Women's Center Web Page for scholarship information.)
- [UofL Commission on the Status of Women](#)
- [CommonGround](#), UofL student organization in support of lesbian/gay/bisexual students
- [Feminist League of Organized Resistance, UofL feminist student organization](#)
- [Ekstrom Library Resources in Women's and Gender Studies](#)
- [Community Coordinated Child Care](#)
- [Kentucky Youth Advocates](#)
- [UofL Center for LGBT Services](#)
- [UofL Faculty & Staff for Human Rights](#)
- [KY Reproductive Freedom Project](#)