



# What Can I Do with a Major in... Women's Studies

## Possible Career Options

(some career areas require advanced education)

Actor  
Advocate  
Archivist  
Art Therapist  
Artist  
Attorney  
Author  
Business Owner  
Case Manager  
Counselor  
Crisis Intervention Specialist  
Grant Writer  
HIV Educator  
Human Resources Manager  
Human Rights Advocate  
Human Services Administrator  
Journalist  
Legal Advocate  
Legislative Aide  
Librarian  
Lobbyist  
Marketing Manager  
Non-profit Organization Director  
Physician  
Police Officer  
Professor  
Psychologist  
Psychotherapist  
Public Health Worker  
Research Administrator  
Social Worker  
Substance Abuse Counselor  
Teacher  
Union Organizer  
Women's Health Educator  
Youth Pastor

## Leadership/Management Skills

- Maintain group cooperation and support
- Keep a group on track when working towards a goal
- Interact and work effectively with peers, superiors and subordinates
- Interact with and appreciate people from diverse cultural, social, ethnic and religious backgrounds
- Demonstrate effective social behavior in a variety of settings and circumstances
- Delegate tasks and responsibilities
- Ability to work on a team on diverse assignments

## Communication/Writing Skills

- Communicate effectively and sensitively in both individual and group situations
- Organize and present ideas effectively for formal and spontaneous speeches
- Effectively participate in group discussions and brainstorm ideas
- Debate issues while respecting the opinions of others
- Read and condense large amounts of material
- Write reports clearly, grammatically, concisely, objectively, convincingly and in appropriate format
- Delivered verbal presentations clearly and persuasively
- Use various media to present ideas effectively and/or imaginatively

## Research/Analytical Skills

- Use a variety of sources of information to research problems or answers to questions
- Apply a variety of research methods to test the validity of data
- Finds the assumptions underlying different approaches to research
- seek alternative explanations for findings
- Understand and structure research from different theoretical positions
- Find ethical ways to carry out research
- Link research with activism to solve social problems

## Other Skills

- Understand the impact of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and class in defining self and world view

## Print and Web Resources

### OCS Books

*100 Best Nonprofits to Work For*  
*A Guide to Careers in Community Development*  
*Alternatives to the Peace Corps*  
*Becoming a Mediator*  
*Careers for Good Samaritans & Other Humanitarian Types*  
*Careers in Counseling and Human Services*  
*Careers in Social and Rehabilitation Services*  
*From Making a Profit to Making a Difference*  
*How to Live Your Dream of Volunteering Overseas*  
*Invest Yourself— A Guide to Action*  
*So, You Want to Join the Peace Corps*  
*The Global Citizen*

### Online Career Resources

*Occupational Outlook Handbook*  
[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos054.htm) (Social Scientist)  
[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos065.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos065.htm) (Archivist)  
[www.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm](http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos053.htm) (Lawyer)

### Internship Electronic Resources

*After College*  
[www.aftercollege.com](http://www.aftercollege.com)

*Idealist and Action Without Borders*  
[www.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.org)

*Local Internships*  
[www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi](http://www.hope.edu/knowhope/internships/index.cgi)

### Employment Opportunity Electronic Resources

*Career Women*  
[www.careerwomen.com](http://www.careerwomen.com)

*Diversity Inc.*  
[www.diversityinc.com](http://www.diversityinc.com)

*Feminist Career Center*  
[www.feminist.org/911/jobs/911jobs.asp](http://www.feminist.org/911/jobs/911jobs.asp)

*Women's Studies Database*  
[www.nwsa.org/employ/index.php](http://www.nwsa.org/employ/index.php)

**More resource links are available at the Office of Career Services website:**

[www.hope.edu/student/career](http://www.hope.edu/student/career)

### Women's Studies Department

[www.hope.edu/academic/women](http://www.hope.edu/academic/women)

## Professional Associations

**American Association of University Women**  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**American Business Women's Association**  
[www.abwahq.org](http://www.abwahq.org)

**American Medical Women's Association**  
[www.amwa-doc.org](http://www.amwa-doc.org)

**EMILY's List**  
[www.emilyslist.org](http://www.emilyslist.org)

**Equal Rights Advocates**  
[www.equalrights.org](http://www.equalrights.org)

**Feminist Majority Foundation**  
[www.feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org)

**National Organization for Women**  
[www.now.org](http://www.now.org)

**National Women's Alliance**  
[www.nwaforchange.org](http://www.nwaforchange.org)

**National Women's Health Network**  
[www.womenshealthnetwork.org](http://www.womenshealthnetwork.org)

**National Women's Studies Association**  
[www.nwsa.org](http://www.nwsa.org)

**Young Women's Christian Association USA**  
[www.ywca.org](http://www.ywca.org)

## Hope Graduates in the Women's Studies World

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Academic Advisor .....	Davenport University
Americorps Vista .....	Habitat for Humanity
Art Director.....	Boys and Girl's Club of Greater Holland
Assistant Attorney General.....	Kansas Attorney General's Office
Assistant Language Instructor .....	Yokohauun Board of Education
Case Manager .....	Community Alternatives Unlimited
Case Worker .....	Center for Women in Transition
Child Care Consultant.....	Allegan County
Communication and Training Specialist .....	Hart and Cooley
Diocesan Youth Ministries Director.....	Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan
English Teacher .....	Hungary
Exhibition/Tour Staff.....	Artrain
Families First Social Worker .....	Center for Women in Transition
Families First Worker.....	Bethany Christian Services
Intern.....	European Roma Rights Center
Law Clerk.....	Kansas National Education Association
Program Leader .....	Fresh Youth Initiatives
Researcher.....	Emily's List
Social Worker.....	Ottawa County
Teacher.....	Teach for America
Union Organizer.....	New York City