Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

B.A.

Major
Bachelor of Arts
Anthropology, Sociology & Criminology
College of Liberal Arts

Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies is an interdisciplinary field that includes the study of
1) the experiences, conditions and social realities of
women of different races, ethnicities, nationalities, religions, classes, abilities, and sexual orientations in a
global context;
2) the ways in which gender, sexuality, race, and class
intersect and
3) feminist, queer and anti-racist scholarship.

Why UMD

• The mission of the program is to prepare students for
meaningful participation and contribution in an
inclusive and diverse society; to be local, national, and
global citizens; and to participate effectively and
contribute meaningfully in a diverse workplace.
• The WGSS program at UMD is very personalized. Faculty get to know you and commit to ensuring students attain their full capabilities and potential while at UMD.
• WGSS courses are very interactive. All classes are
student centered and students learn through
exploration and discovery.
• We are social justice and social transformation
focused with a strong history of collaborating with
community organizations. They are many
opportunities to organize, to intern, and to effect
social change.

Acquired Skills

Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies majors develop:

• Strong oral and written communication skills
• Analytical creative and critical thinking skills
• The ability to influence, persuade, and present
alternative viewpoints
• The ability to analyze root causes of social problems
and work towards solutions

Career Possibilities

• Human services departments and nonprofit
organizations.
• Advocate for victims of domestic and/or sexual
violence.
• Communications consultant.
• Congressional aide.
• Law (prepares one for law school).
• Midwife, sexual assault nurse, or other health related
fields.
• United Nations, Unicef, AMREF
• Equity and diversity specialist in schools, universities,
hospitals, corporations.
• Politics

Scholarships

There are two WGSS specific scholarships available.
The $500 Jane Maddy Scholarship is awarded to two
WGSS students each year. The $1000 WGSS Legacy Scholarship is awarded to one WGSS student each year. Students can apply and/or be awarded the scholarship more than once. Many of our majors have also been awarded college and campus wide scholarships.

**What you can do with this degree?**

The degree prepares students to think multidimensionally, critically and intersectionally. Our students learn to question power and structural arrangements and ask key questions using multiple lenses of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, physical ability, and among all human differences. Armed with this knowledge most of our student pursue careers in nonprofit, and/or non-governmental organizations. Others use the degree to to pursue careers in law, health care, business, education, human services, or politics.

**Graduate Report**

Recent UMD Graduates Job Placement Data & Employers

Here's a sampling of positions Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies grads have attained six months to one year after graduation.

- Shelter Advocate - American Indian Community Housing Organization, Duluth, MN
- Program Leader - Madison School & Community Recreation, Madison, WI
- Domestic Violence Advocate - 360 Communities, Hastings, MN
- Youth Development Specialist - AmeriCorps, Duluth, MN

For more data see the Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Graduate Follow-Up Report. For ideas about Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and other majors visit Career & Internship Services.