Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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

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.

- 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

CLA is proud to be able to offer over 90 alumni and donor funded scholarships to our students each year. In total over $190,000 is awarded out to CLA majors and some minors as well. Each department facilitates the process for their specific scholarships and students are also encouraged to apply for CLA-wide scholarships offered to students in any field. There are two WGSS specific scholarships available.

• $500 Jane Maddy Scholarship is awarded to two WGSS students each year.
• $1000 WGSS Legacy Scholarship is awarded to one WGSS student each year.

Students can apply and/or be awarded the scholarship more than once.

Student Clubs

• FCU (Feminist Consciousness United) is a student run organization at UMD.
• The Women’s Resource and Action Center (WRAC) is available to all students.

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.