

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

### CAREER INFORMATION FOR MAJOR IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

This handout provides sources of career information for **Women's Studies** Majors. There are different career options available in the field of **Women's Studies**. Below is a sample of some of the types of positions for graduates with major in **Women's Studies**. Please note that you might require further education and experience for some positions.

### SKILLS DEVELOPED BY WOMEN'S STUDIES

- Communication skills – Both oral and written
- Ability to analyze and synthesize information or data
- Capable of handling unexpected situations
- Tolerance of Different People and Their Views
- Ability to formulate and defend positions
- Ability to write detailed research papers and summarize concepts and ideas
- Read and understand both primary and secondary sources
- Interpret research and data
- Knowledgeable about power relationships and injustice
- Ability to accept intellectual and personal challenges, take a stand and support it with evidence
- Reading and thinking critically; using unfamiliar materials and generating new ideas
- Ability to recognize assumptions and make inferences
- Interpersonal skills
- Understanding the nature of knowledge, scientific inquiry and theory
- Understanding of the concepts of probability and proportion
- Evaluate ideas and research, gather information or data
- Create research designs
- Ability to understand difference and discover the intersections between racism, homophobia, sexism, classicism, and other forms of oppression
- Critical thinking skills

### CAREERS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

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| • Fundraiser                           | • Children's Rights Advocate      | • Labour Organizer                   |
| • Advocate/Lobbyist                    | • Social Worker                   | • Consumer Affairs Advocate          |
| • Parole/Probation Officer             | • Art Administrator               | • Compliance Officer                 |
| • Historian                            | • Politician/Political Strategist | • Student Services Officer           |
| • Editor/Publisher                     | • Community Activist              | • Volunteer Co-ordinator             |
| • Advertising Sales/Designer           | • Human Resources                 | • Counsellor/Therapist               |
| • Broadcaster                          | • Publisher/Publishing Agent      | • Women's Shelter Director           |
| • Production Assistant                 | • Merchandiser/Purchasing         | • Documentary Researcher             |
| • Business Manager/Entrepreneur        | • Investigator/Detective          | • Librarian/Archivist                |
| • Lawyer                               | • Student Life Co-ordinator       | • Multi-Cultural Co-ordinator Social |
| • Art Therapist                        | • Therapist/Psychologist          | • Victims Advocate                   |
| • Public Health Educator               | • Journalist/Reporter             | • Minister/Religious                 |
| • Publicist                            | • Sales/Brand Manager             | • Social Services Worker             |
| • Re-settlement Worker                 | • Curriculum Developer            | • Equity Officer                     |
| • Crisis Worker/Intake/Referral Worker | • Job Developer                   | • Communications Consultant          |
| • Court Officer                        | • Substance Abuse Counsellor      |                                      |
|  | • Teacher/Professor               |                                      |
|  | • Market Research Analyst         |                                      |

## CAREERS IN WOMEN'S STUDIES

### Continued

- Financial Analyst
- Public Relations Specialist
- Instructor
- Program Developer
- Corporate Trainer
- Public Policy Administrator
- Event Planner/Co-ordinator
- Corrections Officer
- Policy Analyst/Developer
- Campaign Manager
- Consumer Advocate
- Social Planning Co-ordinator
- Negotiator/Mediator
- Police/Security Officer
- Policy Researcher
- Women's Centre Organizer
- Youth Worker
- Union Organizer/Manager
- Medical Health Professional
- Employment Advisor
- Community Development
- Public Educator
- Media Relations
- Discrimination/Harassment Investigator

## WOMEN'S STUDIES ASSOCIATIONS

- Canadian Women's Foundation
- Canadian Federation of University Women
- The Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women
- Status of Women Canada
- Centres for Excellence in Women's Health
- Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Ontario
- Kitchener-Waterloo Business Women's Association
- Canadian Women in Communications
- UN Women's Watch

## EMPLOYERS WHO HIRE WOMEN'S STUDIES GRADUATES

- Educational Institutions
- International Organizations
- Immigration Agencies
- Community Organizations
- Government Agencies
- Media Organizations
- Public Policy Departments
- Business Co-operations
- Municipality
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Non-Profit Organization
- Publishers
- Financial Organizations
- Human Resource Offices
- Health Organizations
- Religious Organizations
- Community Centres
- Behavioral Health Clinics
- Residential Care Facilities
- Advertising Agencies
- Mental Health Facilities

## WOMEN'S STUDIES JOB RESOURCES

Federal Government of Canada

<http://jobs.gc.ca>

Provincial Government (please check each province's government website)

Career Beacon <http://www.careerbeacon.com>

Talent Egg <http://www.talentegg.ca>

Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes <http://www.wgsrf.com/>

Charity Village <http://charityvillage.com/>

National Women's Studies Association (American) <http://www.nwsa.org/>

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