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What Can I do with my degree in...Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies?

Knowing What's Expected

If you are interested in gaining a broad theoretical framework and a set of highly developed analytical skills as well as addressing society's growing awareness of gender and equity issues, you will enjoy the options that the Women's Studies degree affords.

Jobs in this field require the ability to perform a wide variety of communications functions.

You will be required to address the need for a fuller understanding of women and adopt new criteria and methods for assessing the status of women on behalf of organizations.

Transferable Skills

- ❖ Strong critical thinking skills
- ❖ Confident oral presentation skills
- ❖ Effective writing skills
- ❖ Strong research skills
- ❖ Analytical skills to consider a variety of theories and perspectives
- ❖ Ability to think globally
- ❖ Expertise on gender issues

Your Choices

Many corporate employers are interested in applicants with an interdisciplinary background.

Prospective employers welcome employees who are sensitive to gender issues and are comfortable with a growing diversity in society. As a result of pursuing a Women's Studies degree, you may pursue occupations in consulting firms, corporations, associations, government, social agencies, and other organizations. Additional training or education may be required in some fields.

Careers for Women's Studies

Major

- ❖ Clinical Social Worker
- ❖ Health Clinic Coordinator
- ❖ College Professor
- ❖ Human Rights Advocate
- ❖ Victim's Advocate
- ❖ Lawyer
- ❖ Public Relations Manager
- ❖ Rape crisis Program director
- ❖ Union Organizer
- ❖ Marriage Therapist
- ❖ Social Worker
- ❖ Youth Worker
- ❖ Family Services Specialist
- ❖ Recreation Therapist
- ❖ Community Services

Necessary Skills

- ❖ Continually updating specialized knowledge
- ❖ Improving interpersonal skills
- ❖ Learning business management
- ❖ Researching social trends

What Employers Want

Contributions you make to your community reflect well on you as an individual. Employers are looking for students who are dedicated, hard working, and show a commitment to their interests.

By getting involved in on-campus societies (i.e. Women's Studies Society) and volunteering early, you will not only show credibility in your area of interest but also a willingness to work towards goals.

Associations

Why join now? Professional associations are a great way to network within your field of study. Not only do these organizations help get you connected, they also help keep you well informed. Many also have discounted student membership rates.

- ❖ Nova Scotia Association of Social Workers
www.nsasw.org/
- ❖ Canadian Association of Social Workers
www.casw-acts.ca/
- ❖ Canadian Association of Social Work Administrators in Health Facilities
www.intranet.ca/~casw-acts/
- ❖ Canadian Women's Studies Association
www.yorku.ca/cwsaacef/cwsaacef/cwsa.htm
- ❖ National Council of Women of Canada
<http://www.ncwc.ca/>
- ❖ Canadian Women's Internet Association
<http://www.herplace.org/>

Available Reference Materials

What To Do With Your Degree

- ❖ Women's Studies (Refer to yellow binder)
- ❖ Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors

Occupation Information

- ❖ Careers for Scholars & Other Deep Thinkers

Directories

- ❖ Who's Hiring
- ❖ Business Directory for the Metropolitan Halifax Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Canadian Career Directory
- ❖ Halifax Directory of Community Services

Job Searching

Job Hunting Websites

- ❖ www.msvu.ca/careerplanning
- ❖ Career Beacon
www.careerbeacon.com
- ❖ Halifax Herald
www.jobspress.com
- ❖ Atlantic Canada Jobs & Employment
www.atlanticjobs.com
- ❖ Government of Canada
<http://jobs.gc.ca>
- ❖ Government of Canada/Public Service Commission
<http://jobs.gc.ca>

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