

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

Women's studies, also known as feminist studies, is an interdisciplinary academic field which explores politics, society and history from an intersectional, multicultural women's perspective. It critiques and explores societal norms of gender, race, class, sexuality, and other social inequalities.

Sample Job Titles (some of these may require further education)

Admissions Counselor	Delinquency Counselor	Planned Parenthood
Advocate	Director, Non-Profit	Counselor
Alcohol/Drug Case	Agency	Pre-trial Services Officer
Worker	Discrimination Investigator	Public Policy Analyst
Business Manager	Employment/Occupational	Probation/Parole Officer
Case Worker	Social Worker	Policy Advocate
Case Aid Worker	Field Officer, Human	Peace Corps/Vista
Child Welfare Officer	Rights Campaign	Political Aide
Criminal	Foreign Service Officer	Public Opinion Surveyor
Justice/Corrections	Foster Care Worker	Research
Specialist	Government Advisor	Analyst/Consultant
Congressional Aide	Intake Counselor	Small Business Owner
Correctional Case Worker	Juvenile Justice Specialist	Social Worker
Community Educator	Juvenile Court Counselor	Social Services
Community	Legal Assistant	Administrator
Organizer/Action Director	Legislative Coordinator	Social Welfare Examiner
Consumer Advocate	Lawyer	Teacher/Professor
Court Administrator	Legislative Aide	Victim Services Specialist
Crisis Counselor	Market Research Analyst	Women's Rights Advocate
Customer Relations	Mental Health Worker	Youth Case
Representative	Negotiator	Manager/Advocate

Related Major Skills

Communication skills, verbal and written
 Knowledge of diversity issues
 Increased knowledge of social justice issues
 Ability to research
 Ability to organize and synthesize material in new ways
 Data analysis
 Analytical skills
 Leadership ability
 Knowledge of community resources

Insight into group, political, and societal dynamics
 Knowledge of social structures and change
 Understanding of corporate and government organizational structures
 Ability to understand and improve human relationships
 Ability to mentor others
 Planning and managing skills
 Problem solving skills
 Conflict resolution skills

International Organizations of Interest – A Brief Sampling[Amnesty International](http://www.amnesty.org) (www.amnesty.org)

Amnesty International is a worldwide campaign that works to promote all the human rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international standards. In particular, Amnesty International campaigns to free all prisoners of conscience; ensure fair and prompt trials for political prisoners; abolish the death penalty, torture and other cruel treatment of prisoners; end political killings and "disappearances"; and oppose human rights abuses by opposition groups. Amnesty International has around a million members and supporters in 162 countries and territories. Activities range from public demonstrations to letter-writing, from human rights education to fundraising concerts, from individual appeals on a particular case to global campaigns on a particular issue.

[Corporate Watch](http://www.corpwatch.org) (www.corpwatch.org)

Corporate Watch provides news, analysis, research tools and action resources to respond to corporate activity around the globe. Corporate watch talks with people who are directly affected by corporate abuses as well as with others fighting for corporate accountability, human rights, social and environmental justice. As part of the independent media, Corporate Watch is free of corporate sponsorship.

[Fellowship of Reconciliation](http://www.forusa.org) (www.forusa.org)

The Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism, and economic injustice with nonviolence, peace, and justice. It is an interfaith organization committed to active nonviolence as a transforming way of life and as a means of radical change. The Fellowship of Reconciliation educates, trains, build coalitions, and engages in nonviolent and compassionate actions locally, nationally, and globally.

[Global Exchange](http://www.globalexchange.org) (www.globalexchange.org)

Global Exchange is a human rights organization dedicated to promoting environmental, political, and social justice around the world. The organization has been striving to increase global awareness among the US public while building international partnerships around the world.

[Global Fund for Women](http://www.globalfundforwomen.org) (www.globalfundforwomen.org)

An international organization focusing on rights of women and issues including domestic violence, literacy, economic development, and international trafficking in women.

[InterAction](http://www.interaction.org) (www.interaction.org)

Compendium of links to nongovernmental organizations concerned with development, human rights, humanitarian assistance, and the environment.

[Peace Corps](http://www.peacecorps.gov) (www.peacecorps.gov)

The Peace Corps traces its roots and mission to 1960. Since that time, nearly 200,000 Peace Corps Volunteers have served in 139 host countries to work on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental preservation. Today's Peace Corps is more vital than ever, working in emerging and essential areas such as information technology and



business development, and committing more than 1,000 new Volunteers as a part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Peace Corps Volunteers continue to help countless individuals who want to build a better life for themselves, their children, and their communities.

[UNIFEM \(www.unifem.org\)](http://www.unifem.org)

UNIFEM promotes women's empowerment and gender equality. It works to ensure the participation of women in all levels of development planning and practice, and acts as a catalyst within the UN system, supporting efforts that link the needs and concerns of women to all critical issues on the national, regional and global agendas. UNIFEM focuses its work at the country level within the context of the United Nations Resident Coordinator System. Playing a strong advocacy role, the Fund concentrates on fostering a multilateral policy dialogue on women's empowerment.

[Webgrrls International \(www.webgrrls.org\)](http://www.webgrrls.org)

Webgrrls International is an online and offline networking organization of professional business women focused on propelling their careers and businesses forward.

[Women's International League for Peace and Freedom \(www.wilpf.org\)](http://www.wilpf.org)

Founded in 1915 to protest the war then raging in Europe, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom aims to bring together women of different political and philosophical conviction, united in their determination to study and make known and help abolish the political, social, economic and psychological causes of war and to work for a constructive peace.

[Women's World Summit Foundation \(www.woman.ch/?hl=en_US\)](http://www.woman.ch/?hl=en_US)

WWSF, a humanitarian, secular, non-governmental and international, non-profit organization with United Nations consultative status (ECOSOC, UNFPA and DPI), works for a new development paradigm with and for women and children. Created in Geneva on 8 March 1991 (International Women's Day), its principle objective is to empower women, children and NGOs. WWSF programs serve to help implement women's and children's rights, to generate increased commitment and support for the realization of agreed development goals, and to hold world leaders accountable to their promises made at numerous UN summits and international conferences.

National Organizations of Interest – A Brief Sampling

[Global Exchange \(www.globalexchange.org\)](http://www.globalexchange.org)

A San Francisco-based education and action resource center, we advance our vision by working to ensure our members and constituents are empowered locally and connected globally to create a just and sustainable world.

[National Association of Women Business Owners \(www.nawbo.org\)](http://www.nawbo.org)

The organization prides itself on being a global beacon for influence, ingenuity and action and is uniquely positioned to provide incisive commentary on issues of importance to women business owners. Everything NAWBO undertakes leverages the unique attributes that women business owners bring to the table and is designed to illuminate, transform - and ultimately harness – the



nation's wide-ranging community of entrepreneurial women into an ever-more-influential voice and increasingly dynamic leadership roles.

[National Council of Women's Organizations](http://www.womensorganizations.org/) (www.womensorganizations.org/)

The National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) is a 501c3 nonpartisan, nonprofit coalition that represents over 11 million women across the United States. Our over 200 member organizations collaborate through substantive policy work and grass roots activism to address issues of concern to women, including family and work, economic equity, education, affirmative action, older women, corporate accountability, women and technology, reproductive freedom, women's health, younger women and global progress for women's equality.

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

Since its founding in 1966, NOW's goal has been to take action to bring about equality for all women. NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society; secure abortion, birth control and reproductive rights for all women; end all forms of violence against women; eradicate racism, sexism and homophobia; and promote equality and justice in our society.

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

Established in 1977, NWSA is a professional organization dedicated to leading the field of women's studies and gender studies, as well as its teaching, learning, research, and service wherever they be found.

[Peace and Collaborative Development Network](http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org) (www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org)

This is a free professional networking site (**with over 12,490 members from around the world**) to foster dialogue and sharing of resources in international development, conflict resolution, gender mainstreaming, human rights, social entrepreneurship and related fields

[US Public Interest Research Group](http://www.uspirg.org) (www.uspirg.org)

With a strong network of researchers, advocates, organizers and students in state capitols across the country, US PIRG provides alternative opinions and findings on issues such as product safety, political corruption, prescription drugs and voting rights. They also advocate for issues such as High Speed Rail and public ownership of built infrastructure.

[Women's Action for New Direction](http://www.wand.org) (www.wand.org)

An organization promoting alternatives to militarism and violence as the solution to conflict. Shift from a military to a civilian-based economy to address the threats to our real security, ensuring that human, economic and environmental needs are met. Cleaning up environmental effects of nuclear weapons production.

[Women for Hire](http://www.womenforhire.com) (www.womenforhire.com)

Founded in 1999 as the first and only company devoted to a comprehensive array of recruitment services for women, Women For Hire offers signature career expos, inspiring speeches and seminars, a popular career-focused magazine and customized marketing programs. Our website, offers a wide variety of career-related information and videos geared to working women, and an



online job board that helps leading employers connect with top-notch professional women in all fields. In 2008, we produced our first work from home video, which has been viewed by thousands of women interested in this growing field.

Internships (Nationally and Internationally) – A Brief Sampling

[Emily's List \(emilyslist.org/who/jobs\)](http://emilyslist.org/who/jobs)

EMILY's List is dedicated to electing pro-choice Democratic women to office. It includes a job and internship board.

[Feminist Majority Foundation \(www.feminist.org/911/jobs/joblisting.asp\)](http://www.feminist.org/911/jobs/joblisting.asp)

The Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF), which was founded in 1987, is a cutting edge organization dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health, and non-violence. In all spheres, FMF utilizes research and action to empower women economically, socially, and politically. Our organization believes that feminists - both women and men, girls and boys - are the majority, but this majority must be empowered. This site include a national internship board.

[The Institute for Inclusive Security \(www.huntalternatives.org/index.cfm\)](http://www.huntalternatives.org/index.cfm)

Including The Women Waging Peace Network, advocates for the full participation of stakeholders, especially women, in peace processes. Creating sustainable peace is achieved best by a diverse, citizen-driven approach. Of the many sectors of society currently excluded from peace processes, none is larger (or more critical to success) than women.

[National Women's Studies Association \(www.nwsa.org/students/internships.php\)](http://www.nwsa.org/students/internships.php)

This site includes a listing of both national and international internships.

[NEIU Office of Career Services College Central Network \(www.collegecentral.com/neiu\)](http://www.collegecentral.com/neiu)

The job and internship listing site for NEIU's Office of Career Services.

[NEIU Women's Studies Department Internship List](http://www.neiu.edu/Academics/College%20of%20Arts_Sciences/Departments_Programs/Women%2527s%20Studies/Internships/Internships.html)

[\(www.neiu.edu/Academics/College%20of%20Arts_Sciences/Departments_Programs/Women%2527s%20Studies/Internships/Internships.html\)](http://www.neiu.edu/Academics/College%20of%20Arts_Sciences/Departments_Programs/Women%2527s%20Studies/Internships/Internships.html)

A list of internship sites maintained by the Department of Women's Studies.

Volunteer opportunities (nationally and internationally) – A Brief Sampling

[Americorps \(www.americorps.org\)](http://www.americorps.org)

Often referred to as the "domestic Peace Corps", because both agencies are committed to service. A stint in Americorps usually lasts about ten months. A stipend is included.

[Chicago Community Resource Network \(www.chicagovolunteer.net/\)](http://www.chicagovolunteer.net/)

For over 60 years, the Volunteer Center and First Call for Help have linked people with volunteer opportunities and community resources throughout Metropolitan Chicago. You may search by zip code and field of interest to find opportunities near you.



[Christian Peacemaker Teams](http://www.cpt.org) (CPT) (www.cpt.org)

An organization which provides support to teams of peace workers in conflict areas around the world. These teams believe they can lower the levels of violence through nonviolent direct action, human rights documentation, and nonviolence training.

[The Community Mediation Center](http://www.conflictcrushers.org) (www.conflictcrushers.org)

An association providing quality education and services that enable youth, families, individuals, organizations, businesses, and communities to effectively resolve, reduce and prevent conflict.

[The Foundation for Sustainable Development](http://fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/procorps1) (fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/procorps1)

An organization founded to support underserved communities, providing human and financial resources to more than 200 community-based partners. These organizations serve in areas such as microfinance, health, environment, youth and education, women's empowerment, community development and human rights. Partner agencies exist in Argentina, Bolivia, India, Kenya, Nicaragua, and Uganda.

[Peace Corps Volunteers](http://www.peacecorps.gov) (www.peacecorps.gov)[United Nations Volunteers](http://www.unv.org) (www.unv.org)

A program run by the UN for promoting and harnessing volunteerism for effective development. UNV mobilizes more than 7,500 volunteers annually. Volunteers help to organize and run local and national elections and support a large number of peacekeeping and humanitarian projects.

[Women On Call](http://www.womenoncall.org/) (www.womenoncall.org/)

WomenOnCall.Org is a unique online network that connects women to specific volunteer opportunities that allow them to share their professional skills and expertise with nonprofits.

Employing Organizations (Nationally and Internationally)[Mediation Works Incorporated](http://www.mwi.org) (MWI) (www.mwi.org)

Dedicated to providing innovative dispute resolution services and training to corporate, institutional, and individual clients seeking to resolve difficult disputes.

[National Council of Women's Organizations](http://www.womensorganizations.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=356)

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An extensive list of women's organizations – many of which include job boards.

[The United Nations](http://www.jobs.un.org) (www.jobs.un.org)

The UN and its family of organizations work to promote respect for human rights, protect the environment, fight disease, foster development and reduce poverty. UN agencies define the standards for safe and efficient transport by air and sea, help improve telecommunications and enhance consumer protection, work to ensure respect for intellectual property rights and coordinate allocation of radio frequencies. The United Nations leads the international campaigns against drug trafficking and terrorism. Throughout the world, the UN and its agencies assist



refugees and set up program to clear landmines, help improve the quality of drinking water and expand food production, make loans to developing countries and help stabilize financial markets.

[Working Mother](http://www.workingmother.com) (www.workingmother.com)

This online and print magazine is not just for mothers – it also lists ‘Best Companies for Women’ and other such features that are useful for career and company research.

Organizations of Interest in Chicago-area – A Brief Sampling

[Center for Conflict Resolution](http://www.ccrchicago.org) (www.ccrchicago.org)

A not-for-profit provider of mediation services and conflict management training. Their mission is to provide services that are flexible and cost-effective. Over 31,000 mediated cases, backed by the expertise of knowledgeable, dedicated volunteers and employees. Annually, they provide free mediation services for over 2,000 cases, train hundreds of new mediators, facilitate meetings and work with dozens of businesses, government agencies and organizations to create custom-designed dispute resolution systems and training programs.

[Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana](http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/) (<http://www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/>)

Grounded in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, Girl Scouting is a non-formal, experiential, and cooperative education program that promotes girls' personal growth and leadership development. Partnering with caring adults, girls design fun and challenging activities that empower them to discover new things, connect with others, and take action by raising their voices within a local, national and global sisterhood.

[Illinois Action for Children](http://www.actforchildren.org) (www.actforchildren.org)

An organization that champions the cause of quality child care and early education for families and children throughout Illinois. Existing for 40 years, Illinois Action for Children provides access to resources, community, advocacy – and represents an alliance of individuals and groups dedicated to empowering and supporting parents, child care providers and family service programs.

[Midwest Academy](http://www.midwestacademy.org) (www.midwestacademy.org)

Since 1973, the Midwest Academy has been training progressive organizers and activists engaged in the struggle for Social Justice

[National Training and Information Center: National People's Action](http://www.ntic-us.org) (www.ntic-us.org)

A national organizing, policy, research, and training center for grassroots community organizations dedicated to building power to reclaim our democracy and advance racial and economic justice. NTIC has worked nationally to build and strengthen people's organizations, to develop indigenous leadership, and to advance campaigns for a more just, equitable, and sustainable society.

[Planned Parenthood](http://www.plannedparenthood.org) (www.plannedparenthood.org)

Planned Parenthood is the nation's leading sexual and reproductive health care provider and advocate. For more than 90 years, we've worked to improve women's health and safety, prevent unintended pregnancies, and advance the right and ability of individuals and families to make informed and responsible choices.



Step Up Women's Network

A national non-profit membership organization dedicated to strengthening community resources for women and girls. Through teen empowerment programs for underserved girls, women's health education and advocacy, professional mentorship and social networking opportunities, Step Up educates and activates our members to ensure that women and girls have the tools they need to create a better future.

United Power for Action and Justice (www.united-power.org)

An organization that promotes dialogue on race relations, trains community organizers and promotes common goals in community empowerment among different religions.

Women Employed (www.womenemployed.org)

The mission of Women Employed is to improve the economic status of women and remove barriers to economic equity.

YWCA of Metropolitan Chicago (www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=euLR17OZH&b=62681)

YWCA Metropolitan Chicago is committed to providing women with the support and tools needed to transform their lives, be confident in their choices and make valuable contributions to their communities. We promote racial justice, embrace diversity, and inspire personal development both within our organization and throughout all our services. Our vision is to eliminate racism and empower women.

On-line Job Boards

(NEIU's Office of Career Services Job Board: www.collegecentral.com/neiu)

<http://www.nwsa.org>

<http://www.mindexchange.com>

<http://www.feminist.org/>

<http://www.mith2.umd.edu/WomensStudies/Employment>

<http://www.now.org/organiza/work.html>

<http://www.diversityinc.com/public/departments33.cfm>

<http://www.careerwomen.com/>

<http://www.wihe.com>

http://www.imdiversity.com/villages/woman/village_woman.asp

http://dir.yahoo.com/Society_and_Culture/Cultures_and_Groups/Women/Organizations/Careers

<http://www.idealists.org>

<http://www.abwa.org>

<http://www.womensportsjobs.com>

<http://www.corpdiversitysearch.com>

<http://www.advancingwomen.com>

<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/womens-studies>

<http://www.womans-work.com>

<http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/>

<http://www.womenforhire.com>

<http://www.startwright.com/working.htm>

<http://www.womstd.uiuc.edu/>

<http://www.diversitysearch.com>

<http://www.feministcampus.org>

<http://www.bcw.org>

<http://womenstudies.wisc.edu/careers.htm>

<http://www.npo.net>

http://dir.yahoo.com/Social_Science/women_s_studies

<http://www.workingwoman.com>

<http://www.eop.com>

<http://diversity.diversitylink.com>

<http://www.acinet.org/>

<http://www.uis.edu/womenandgenderstudies/about/resources.html>

<http://www.webgrrls.com/>



<http://www4.nau.edu/womensstudies/>
<http://www.jwj.org/about/jobs.html>
<http://www.compact.org/>
<http://www.womensjoblist.com>
<http://www.jobsandmoms.com>
<http://whatnow.intrasun.tcnj.edu/JobsandInternships.html>