The interdisciplinary Women’s Studies minor examines scholarship and research relating to women and to their special contributions. The objectives of the minor are to provide a theoretical and practical structure within which to study issues of concern for women; to promote an understanding of the historical and biosocial contexts which shape our awareness of womanhood; and to encourage independent reading and study.

Students who minor in Women’s Studies are prepared for a huge variety of careers based not only in feminist organizations and higher education, but also in business, law and government. Most students will focus on their additional skills and strengths (management, program planning, fund raising, public speaking, health issues) while working with women’s issues.

**Sample Job Titles**

- Program associate for advocacy
- Field representative
- College archivist
- Director of women’s health
- Executive director
- Lobbyist
- Professor
- Director of women’s studies program
- Health educator
- Case manager
- Researcher
- Feminist literature professor
- Race and gender studies instructor
- Sexual assault prevention program coordinator
- Grant writer
- Foundation director
- Editor/Writer
- Lawyer
- Women’s spirituality advisor
- Administrative assistant
- Director of communications and marketing

**Employers of Women’s Studies students**

- Colleges and Universities
- Libraries
- Women’s centers and safehouses
- Magazine/journal publishers
- Nonprofit organizations
- Activist organizations
- Law firms
- Research centers
- Foundations
- Health agencies/Clinics
- Government agencies
- Community organizations (YWCA)
Where to go from here?

The Career Development Center has a wide variety of services to assist you, including individual career counseling, Choices CT computerized guidance system, information about available internships and other forms of experiential education, an extensive career library, and more.

Some of the resources specific to Women’s Studies include Women in Science and Engineering, “Progressive Internships – Feminist Career Center” (online), Good Works: Directory of Social Change Organizations and Peterson’s GradSearch database on CD-ROM. See our handout “Career Library Resources for Liberal Arts and Sciences Students” for a detailed listing of resources available, and check out our searchable URL database for descriptions of websites for your major!

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