

What to do with a Minor in Gender & Women's Studies?

The Gender & Women's Studies (GWST) mission is a three-fold: instruction, research, and extension, or outreach. GWST grew out of a desire to make classroom curricula relevant to real-world, lived experience. GWST courses integrate research and outreach activities, so that students, faculty, staff, and community members engaged in GWST have a sense of how intellectual work derives from and extends into everyday lives, especially those of women.

What skills will I learn in Gender & Women's Studies courses?

- An understanding of differences of gender, sexuality, race, culture, and social class
- Insight into the connections among different forms of oppression
- A foundation for analyzing inequities and initiating change
- Expertise in finding and using information on contemporary social issues
- Critical thinking, research, analysis, oral/written communication, and presentation skills

What majors complement a Gender & Women's Studies minor?

A minor in GWST can be the perfect complement to any major, whether in the fields of academia, healthcare, law enforcement, non-profit work, human resources, business, public service, art or international relations. Some students minoring in Gender & Women's Studies find it especially useful when majoring in the following fields: College of Education, College of Arts & Sciences, Spears School of Business, Center for Health Services, and College of Human Services.

How does a minor in Gender & Women's Studies prepare me for the job market?

GWST provides an excellent foundation for virtually any career. A minor in GWST broadens your appeal to potential employers and graduate/professional programs. Some GWST graduates choose to work in advocacy or social services-related positions, community development, business, and government.

GWST is the perfect complement to the follow careers: advocate for domestic violence victims, **journalist**, advocate for hate-crime victims, **law enforcement**, archivist, **lawyer**, art therapist, **librarian**, artist, **minister**, battered women's center director, **musician**, business owner, **nurse or midwife**, clinical social worker, **Planned Parenthood clinic coordinator**, college professor, **program director at human rights organization**, communications consultant, **psychotherapist**, congressional fellow, **public and government relations manager**, cooperative grocery manager, **rape crisis program director**, director of program for inner-city teenagers, **recreational therapist**, doctor, **sexual assault/sexual abuse educator**, energy conservation manager, **teacher**, film-casting assistant, **theater worker**, flight instructor, **town manager**, health clinic medical assistant, **union organizer**, HIV educator, **university staff psychologist**, hospital foundation executive director, **writer/poet**, human services administrator

How can I find out if a minor in Gender & Women's Studies is right for me?

Talk to GWST faculty and current students or take Introduction to Gender & Women's Studies (GWST 2123). Sections are offered each semester (including summer and online courses). You can visit the GWST website or contact Dr. Lucy Bailey, director of GWST, for more information.

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