WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES

FUTURE CAREERS
There are several amazing things you can do with a concentration in WGS in which this program can combine and enhance your current major (if applicable) when you enter the job market. In fact, did you know that there are more than 200 career paths you can follow with a concentration in WGS? Check out our website for a comprehensive list of career options available.

If you are interested in finding out more about concentrating in WGS, email the Undergraduate Advisor, Challen Nicklen, nicklen@lsu.edu, or email the Director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program, Elena Castro, dwgs@lsu.edu.
TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

WGS develops skills in
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Data collection and analysis
- Oral, written, and presentation skills
- Team and individual work skills

WGS cultivates knowledge of
- Multiple roles gender plays in everyday life
- Impact of gendered practices on social, cultural, and political behavior
- How intersectional experience shapes our sense of identity
- How race, ethnicity, sexuality, class, and national identity are interlinked

Because of this, WGS majors and minors are well-prepared for many fields, including some of the fast-growing career fields in the United States:
- Health and Human Services
- Education
- Digital Content Production
- Public Service
- Business and Industry

And more!
Areas
- Training and Development
- Human Resources
- Equity and Diversity
- Management
- Marketing
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Sales
- Consulting

Employers
- Public and private corporations, esp.
  - Women’s divisions
  - Female-focused industries
  - LGBTQ-focused industries
- Consulting firms
- Marketing companies
- Public relations agencies
- Organizations for research on and advancement of women and the LGBTQ community in business
FUTURE CAREER FIELDS: HEALTHCARE

Areas
- Medicine specializing in Women’s & LGBTQ Issues
- Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Dentistry
- Public Health

Employers
- Healthcare settings exclusively for women and/or the LGBTQ community
- Organizations devoted to women’s or LGBTQ community’s health
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Private or group practice
- Health networks
- Wellness centers
- Nursing homes
- Mental health institutions
- Federal, state, or local health departments
- Centers for reproductive health
FUTURE CAREER FIELDS: HUMAN SERVICES

Areas

- Counseling
- Psychotherapy
- Mental Health Services
- Case Management
- Social Work
- Vocational/Career Counseling
- Programming
- Community Relations
- Administration

Employers

- Private or group practice
- Mental health institutions
- Hospitals and clinics
- Federal, state, or local government (Department of Human Services, Veterans Administration, etc)
- Women’s and LGBTQ service organizations
- Organizations for women’s and LGBTQ aid (rape crisis, pregnancy support orgs, adoption agencies, eating disorder treatment centers, domestic violence shelters, etc)
- Youth and family agencies
- University and college counseling and career centers
FUTURE CAREER FIELDS: EDUCATION

Areas
- Teaching
- Research
- Information/Library Science
- Community Education
- Higher Education Administration and Student Support Services, inc
  - Admissions and financial aid
  - Academic advising
  - Development and alumni affairs
  - International education, study abroad
  - Career services
  - Residence life
  - Student activities and Greek life
  - Orientation and leadership

Employers
- Universities and colleges
- Women’s and LGBTQ resource centers
- Non-profit organizations
- Government programs
- Libraries, inc. those for academic departments, women’s organizations, museums, etc
FUTURE CAREER FIELDS: WRITING

Areas
- Journalism
- Creative writing
- Freelance writing
- Copy writing
- Digital content development

Employers
- Newspapers and magazines
- Online content providers
- Broadcast media companies, inc. television and film
- Trade, professional, or consumer publications
- Advertising agencies
- Publishing houses
- Large corporations
- Self-employment
FUTURE CAREER FIELDS: NONPROFIT

Areas
- Administration
- Program management and development
- Fundraising/development
- Grant writing
- Research
- Policy analysis
- Volunteer coordination
- Community education
- Public relations and marketing

Employers
- Nonprofit organizations
- Social service agencies
- Hospitals and medical centers
- Private foundations
- International organizations
- Special interest groups
- Trade or professional associations
- Libraries
- Educational institutions
- Cultural heritage organizations
- Women's and LGBTQ service organization
- Human rights organizations
FUTURE CAREER FIELDS: LAW AND POLITICS

Areas
- Law, inc. corporate practice, public interest law, civil law
- Lobbying
- Government relations
- Elected or appointed leadership
- Public policy
- Research
- Intelligence
- Campaign management
- Special interest advocacy
- Program administration

Employers
- Law firms
- Corporate legal departments
- Public defenders offices
- District attorneys
- Government agencies
- Public interest groups
- Legal aid
- Sole practitioner
- Lobbying groups
- Women’s and LGBTQ advocacy organizations