

# Linking Majors to Careers

## WOMEN'S STUDIES

# Women's Studies

Women's Studies is an interdisciplinary field that explores the overlooked and often devalued historical and contemporary roles, experiences, and achievements of women. This field examines the intersections of gender, race, and class, and also considers how gender roles are constructed in different global cultures and historical periods. Women's Studies focuses on envisioning the possibilities of new social practices that could bring about greater equality and mutual understanding. Graduates of this program are in many different career fields such as the arts, business, education, health care, media, politics, law, social work, and psychology.

- At the bachelor's degree level this major prepares students with the same strengths from a solid liberal arts degree: analytical and critical thinking, writing, speaking, and the ability to think creatively and resourcefully. Professions such as law, medicine, social work, teaching, counseling and government service utilize Women's Studies graduates' understanding and expertise in gender issues. Businesses seek graduates with this knowledge to consult on issues of parental leave, pay equity, sexual harassment, and equal opportunity issues.
- Students from this discipline may want to pursue a masters or doctorate degree to focus and concentrate their interests and prepare them for leadership roles within government, human services organizations, non-profits, academic institutions, and the corporate world.

**SKILLS:** The person who majors in Women's Studies at Regis University has the opportunity to learn a variety of skills such as:

- Writing
- Research design
- Problem solving
- Critical thinking & analysis
- Interpersonal & Intrapersonal skills
- Computer skills
- Analytical thinking development
- Social change methods
- Identification & Implementation
- Use of community resources
- Idea generation

### **JOB SEARCH TIPS:**

1. Do an internship in the area you are interested in.
2. Do volunteer work or a special project in your interest area(s).
3. Join a professional association in your field and attend meetings/conferences. Your professor can make suggestions.
4. Check out websites in your field for more information and job leads.

**RELATED JOBS:** Listed below are some career fields someone with a degree in Women Studies may enter:

Community service worker	School Counselor*	Public policy researcher
Human Resource Specialist	Political systems researcher	Paralegal*
Benefits specialist	Lecturer/teacher	Writer
Lawyer*	Non-profit director	Demographer
Media researcher	Historian	Columnist
Victims advocate	Lobbyist	Prison inmate counselor*
Legislative analyst	Community developer	Human rights advocate
Grant writer	Public and community Relations	Museum Curator
Marketing	Public health worker	Technical Writer
Public information officer	Membership coordinator	Special events coordinator
Gerontologist*	Communications director	Labor relation specialist
Professor in Women's Studies*	Marriage and family therapist*	Employee relation specialist
Therapist*	Fundraiser/development officer	Mediator*

\*Requires a higher educational degree beyond the bachelor's level.

### **WEB SITES RELATED TO WOMEN'S STUDIES:**

Institute for Women's Policy Research      [www.iwpr.org/](http://www.iwpr.org/)  
American Business Women's Association      [www.abwahq.org/](http://www.abwahq.org/)

## CAREER RESOURCES IN:

- CAREER SERVICES LIBRARY (CS)
  - DAYTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (DM)
  - ON THE INTERNET
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### Career and Occupational Information

*Occupational Outlook Handbook* (CS, DM, and <http://www.bls.gov/oco>)

*ONET* <http://online.onetcenter.org>

*Adams Jobs Almanac* (CS, DM)

*Dictionary of Occupational Titles* (CS, DM)

*Great Careers for... series* (CS)

*Careers for ... series* (CS)

*Careers in ... series* (DM)

*Encyclopedia of Career and Vocational Guidance* (DM)

*Liberal Arts Career News* (CS)

### Professional Organizations

*National Directory of Non-Profit Organizations* (DM)

*Denver Meets* (DM)

*Encyclopedia of Associations* (link on DM online catalog)

Internet Public Library listing at: <http://www.ipl.org/div/aon>

### Employer Directories

*Reference USA* (link on DM online catalog)

*Denver Business Journal Top 25 Book of Lists* (CS, DM)

*Colorado Business Directory* (DM and available via link on DM online catalog)

*Directory of Colorado Manufacturers* (DM)

*Rocky Mountain High Tech. Directory* (DM)

*Almanac of American Employers* (DM)

*Job Banks for US cities* (CS, DM)

*Standard & Poor's Register of Corp. Directory* (link on DM online catalog)

*Thomas Register of American Manufacturers* <http://www.thomasregister.com>

*Directory of Colorado Non-Profits* (DM and <http://www.coloradonoprofits.org>)

### Employment Outlook

*Occupational Outlook Quarterly* (CS, DM)

*Job Rated Almanac* (DM)

*CAM report* (CS)

*Employment Outlook for Colorado* (DM)

### Internships

Internships are placements with employers that give Regis College students with a GPA of 2.5 or better the opportunity to combine coursework with real-life experience while earning academic credit. Internships enhance academic knowledge, personal development and professional preparation. In addition, a successful internship can give students an edge when hiring decisions are made because employers seek applicants with practical experience in their field. Students interested in an internship need to register with the **Academic Internship Program** for help with determining a site placement, learning objectives and academic criteria.

### Graduate School Information

*Real Guide to Grad School* (CS, DM)

*Peterson's Graduate and Professional Programs* (CS, DM and <http://www.petersons.com>)

*Gorman Report* (CS)

*Graduate School Admissions Advisor* (CS)

*Getting what you came for* (CS)

*Educational Rankings Annual* (DM)

*College Blue Book* (DM)

*Directory of Post-Secondary Institutions* (DM)

### Salary Information

*Colorado Occupational Wages* (<http://www.coworkforce.com/lmi/wages/wages.asp>)

*Compensation & Working Conditions* (DM)

*NACE Salary Survey* (CS)

Salary.com - <http://Salary.com>

### Alumni Career Network

One of the best resources for career information is people who work in the field you are considering. Contact information for Regis Alumni who have agreed to talk with students investigating career fields is available on the Alumni Career Network, a program located under "Alumni" at <http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/regis>

### World Wide Web Sites

Regis Career Services: <http://www.regis.edu/careerservices>

Dayton Memorial Library article and research database: <http://www.regis.edu/libdatabase.asp?sctn=lib&p1=empty>

JobWeb (NACE): <http://www.jobweb.org>

Career Magazine: <http://www.careermag.com>

America's Job Bank: <http://www.ajb.dni.us>