

# GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES, B.A.

## ADVISING AND CAREERS

### ADVISING

Working with your advisor helps you create a meaningful course plan as you complete your degree, major and/or certificate requirements. The undergraduate advisor (<https://gws.wisc.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-advising/>) is available to consult on a variety of topics including: declaring the major and/or certificate, course selection and building a four-year plan, study abroad, volunteer and internship opportunities on campus and in the community, applying to graduate programs, and preparing for the job market after graduation.

### INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IN GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES ([HTTPS://GWS.WISC.EDU/GWS660/](https://gws.wisc.edu/gws660/))

Applied learning through professional experiences in gender and women's studies provides an opportunity for students to connect academic knowledge with community-based practice. Recognizing the power and importance of experiential and community-based learning, the Department of Gender and Women's Studies proudly offers local and global internship opportunities. In the internship program (<https://gws.wisc.edu/gws660/>), students work with organizations to apply their coursework in gender and women's studies to specific issues in the community. The accompanying 3-credit internship seminar offers a venue for students to engage deeply in feminist-based work and reflection while thinking critically about how to participate as feminists in activism and professional settings.

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT IN GENDER AND WOMEN'S STUDIES

The Department of Gender and Women's Studies is committed to helping our students articulate how skills and concepts learned in the classroom can be cultivated in professional settings. As reflected in our Learning Outcomes, (<https://womensstudies.wiscweb.wisc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/249/2017/09/GWSLearningOutcomes.pdf>) students in gender and women's studies develop important transferable skills in written and oral communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration, as well as critical self and social awareness. The department continues to expand career development opportunities for our students as we work with our alumni to offer workshops, panels, and networking opportunities. Contact the undergraduate advisor (<https://gws.wisc.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-advising/>) to learn more about career development opportunities in Gender & Women's Studies.

### L&S CAREER RESOURCES

Every L&S major opens a world of possibilities. SuccessWorks (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/>) at the College of Letters & Science helps students turn the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and other coursework into fulfilling lives after graduation, whether that means jobs, public service, graduate school or other career pursuits.

In addition to providing basic support like resume reviews and interview practice, SuccessWorks offers ways to explore interests and build career skills from their very first semester/term at UW all the way through graduation and beyond.

Students can explore careers in one-on-one advising, try out different career paths, complete internships, prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications, and connect with supportive alumni and even employers in the fields that inspire them.

- SuccessWorks (<https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/>)
- Set up a career advising appointment (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/>)
- Enroll in a Career Course (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/career-courses/>) - a great idea for first- and second-year students:
  - INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit)
  - INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Comm B General Education Requirement)
- Learn about internships and internship funding (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/finding-a-job-or-internship/>)
  - INTER-LS 260 Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Activate your Handshake account (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/handshake/>) to apply for jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers recruiting UW-Madison students
- Learn about the impact SuccessWorks has on students' lives (<https://successworks.wisc.edu/about/mission/>)