ADVISING AND CAREERS

ADVISING IN GENDER AND WOMEN’S STUDIES AND LGBTQ+ STUDIES (HTTPS://GWS.WISC.EDU/UNDERGRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE-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/)

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

SuccessWorks at the College of Letters & Science helps students leverage the academic skills learned in their major, certificates, and liberal arts degree; explore and try out different career paths; participate in internships; prepare for the job search and/or graduate school applications; and network with professionals in the field (alumni and employers). In short, SuccessWorks helps students in the College of Letters & Science discover themselves, find opportunities, and develop the skills they need for success after graduation.

SuccessWorks can also assist students in career advising, résumé and cover letter writing, networking opportunities, and interview skills, as well as course offerings for undergraduates to begin their career exploration early in their undergraduate career.

Students should set up their profiles in Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/) to take care of everything they need to explore career events, manage their campus interviews, and apply to jobs and internships from 200,000+ employers around the country.

• SuccessWorks (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/)
• Set up a career advising appointment (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/make-an-appointment/)
• INTER-LS 210 L&S Career Development: Taking Initiative (1 credit, targeted to first- and second-year students)—for more information, see Inter-LS 210: Career Development, Taking Initiative (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/inter-ls-210-career-development-taking-initiative/)
• INTER-LS 215 Communicating About Careers (3 credits, fulfills Com B General Education Requirement)
• Handshake (https://careers.ls.wisc.edu/handshake/)
• Learn how we’re transforming career preparation: L&S Career Initiative (http://ls.wisc.edu/lsci/)