What to do with a degree in

**WOMEN’S STUDIES**

Women’s Studies explores the social construction and variability of gender, and how race and ethnicity, social class, sexual orientation and ability/disability impact women’s lives.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

**Service Learning:** Working with advocacy groups, human rights organizations, environmental and consumer groups, health care, and youth, elderly and social services; liaising between theory experts and policy makers.

**Understanding Differences & Gender Perspectives:** Knowledge of how gender intersects with race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, age, and ability, in shaping ways of thinking and the world; knowledge of inequality, power relationships, and injustice.

**Research Skills:** Developing research strategies and utilizing research methods; data collection, processing and synthesis of information; application of information for policy development; ethnographic study and interview abilities.

**Cultural Understanding:** Appreciation of mass media gender presentation; awareness of how gender identity is constructed and an increased sense of what is important in creating strong families and social relationships; understanding of organizational and group dynamics.

**Critical Thinking & Problem Solving:** Analysis and synthesis of interdisciplinary theory; approach problems from various perspectives; analyzing multiple dimensions of a problem and developing solutions.

**Sample Job Titles**

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](http://alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

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*Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink*
**Associations & Professional Development**

Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Association for Women’s Rights in Development: [awid.org](http://www.awid.org/get-involved)
- Canadian Council on Social Development: [ccsd.ca](http://www.ccsd.ca)
- Canadian Federation for the Humanities & Social Science: [www.ideas-idees.ca/](http://www.ideas-idees.ca/)
- Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women (CRIAW): [criaw-icref.ca](http://www.criaw-icref.ca)
- Canadian Women’s Studies Association: [wgsrf.com](http://www.wgsrf.com)
- Feminist Majority Foundation Online: [feminist.org](http://www.feminist.org)
- Gender and Education Association: [genderandeducation.com](http://www.genderandeducation.com)
- Global Fund for Women: [globalfundforwomen.org](http://www.globalfundforwomen.org)
- National Women’s Studies Association: [nwsa.org](http://www.nwsa.org)
- Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada: [sshrc.ca](http://www.sshrc.ca)
- The Canadian Feminist Alliance for International Action: [fafia-afai.org](http://www.fafia-afai.org)
- The Centre for Women’s Studies in Education: [oise.utoronto.ca/cwse](http://www.oise.utoronto.ca/cwse)
- Women’s History Network: [womenshistorynetwork.org](http://www.womenshistorynetwork.org)

**Potential Industries**

Advertising & Marketing  Libraries
Advocacy  Market Research Firms
Businesses  Media
Centres for Women  Midwifery Clinics
Community Organizations  Non-Profits & NGOs
Communications  Post-Secondary
Culture and Recreation  Public Relations
Education  Publishing Houses
Government  Rehabilitation Centres
Health Care  Research & Development
Human Rights Agencies  Social Service Agencies
Judicial System  Women’s Shelters
Labour Unions

**Career Services**

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

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CareerLink: [ucalgary.ca/careers](http://www.ucalgary.ca/careers)

[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/ucalgary)
[Twitter](https://twitter.com/HireUCalgary)

**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](http://www.indeed.com)
- Eluta: [https://www.eluta.ca/](http://www.eluta.ca)
- Association for Women’s Rights in Development: [https://www.awid.org/get-involved](http://www.awid.org)
- Feminist: [https://feminist.com/](http://www.feminist.com)

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- Labour Unions

**Additional Resources**

Good works: A Guide to Social Change Careers
Profitable Careers in Non-Profit, William Lewis and Carol Milano
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors by Camenson, Blythe
Smart Moves for Liberal Arts

**Faculty Contact**

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**Student Clubs**

Women’s Studies and Feminist Club
[http://www.wsfcalgary.com](http://www.wsfcalgary.com)

**Aligned Majors:**

Anthropology, International Relations, Political Science, Sociology