

Interdisciplinary Humanities/Women's and Gender Studies

Mission Statement

At UWF, the Interdisciplinary Humanities programs promote excellence in education, personal growth, civic awareness and unique learning experiences by offering cutting-edge programs relevant to the needs of employers. Designed for students desiring exposure to issues that transcend a single discipline, Interdisciplinary Humanities programs offer students the opportunity to raise questions, create new knowledge, and solve problems in ways that are not possible in a singular disciplinary context. In the Women's and Gender Studies interdisciplinary specialization, students analyze the significance of gender in all areas of life, especially in the social formation of human identities, practices, and institutions. Women's and Gender Studies provides students with an intellectual framework in which the analysis of gender can be creatively and critically applied to their personal, familial, professional, and civic roles.

Student Learning Outcomes

Content

- Evaluate scholarship addressing the intersections between gender and other socially meaningful categories, such as race, class, gender identity, ethnicity and sexuality.
- Apply theories and methods from different disciplines to the study of historical and contemporary issues related to gender.

Critical Thinking

- Analyze how gender functions as a social construct, especially the ideological assumptions underlying gender roles, definitions, and expectations.
- Describe the impact of gender on individual agency and how the ability to express agency has shaped people's lives in various geographical and historical settings.

Communication

- Write and speak effectively from feminist and/or queer perspectives in different communication contexts, employing communication conventions suitable to the context.
- Locate, evaluate and interpret diverse sources and communicate viewpoints grounded in evidence obtained from research.

Integrity/Values

- Evaluate the meaning and potentials of citizenship, including dissident citizenship, in order to promote intellectual freedom, social justice, and equality for all people.
- Adhere to context-specific disciplinary conventions and rules regarding intellectual property.

Project Management

- Design and carry out independent research, creative projects, or community initiatives related to sex, gender, and/or sexuality.

Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes

Our objective is to provide students with high impact interdisciplinary learning opportunities that will prepare them to enter a diverse array of professions. As students take advantage of classes with expert faculty drawn from disciplines such as political science, government, philosophy, English, criminal justice, legal studies, psychology, sociology, art, music, history and anthropology, their progress will be assessed in a variety of ways. These include: formal quizzes and exams, research papers, briefs, observational analyses, client interviews, media projects, oral presentations, contributions to face-to-face and online discussions, and, during a capstone course in the senior year, special projects involving engagement with the community, including but not limited to the annual Women's and Gender Studies Conference. Before graduation, students will also complete an exit survey in which they assess their own intellectual and professional development as an Interdisciplinary Humanities major specializing in Women's and Gender Studies.

Job Prospects for Women's and Gender Studies

Community Health Outreach	Program Development	Social worker
Human Rights Organization	Counseling Services	Nurse/Nurse Practitioner
Project Administrator	Public Health Educator	Consultant
Communications Consultant	Women's Health Clinic	Freelance
Manager	Victim Advocate	Writer/ Researcher
Recruiter	Community Education	Film Maker/ Producer
Human Resources Manager	Crisis Support Center	Editor
Office Manager	Law Enforcement Officer	Publicist
Administrative Aide	Food Bank Program	Production Artist
Public Relations	Community Service Agency	Librarian
Business Owner	Social Service Agency	Public/ Private School Teacher
Foundation Director	Clergy	Home School Organization
Congressional Aide	Film Production Assistant	Childcare Center
Union Organizer	Journalist	Pre Law
Politician	Musician	Graduate School

**See also "What Can I do With a Degree in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies?"*

<http://www.pdx.edu/careers/what-can-i-do-degree-womens-studies>, the Feminist Majority Foundation Jobs Center: <http://jobs.feminist.org/> and the National Women's Studies Association Jobs Bank: http://www.nwsa.org/jobs_search.asp

Find Out More about Women's and Gender Studies at UWF:

<http://uwf.edu/cassh/departments/philosophy/undergradmajors/womens-and-gender-studies/>