UCONN
WOMEN'S, GENDER,
AND SEXUALITY
STUDIES

FROM COURSE TO CAREER: WGSS SKILLS ON THE JOB



A WGSS degree provides students with key career readiness competencies recognized by the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Students learn how skills such as critical thinking and leadership can promote equity and justice in both workplace and community.



WGSS Students are expert problem solvers, utilizing creativity and interdisciplinary perspectives to find novel, just solutions. Trained in empathy, solidarity, and open mindedness, they excel in diverse and unfamiliar settings.



WGSS is a degree in relevance. Coursework, projects, and assignments allow students to apply the most current feminist, anti-racist, and decolonial theory to contemporary political and social events.

The chart in the following pages demonstrates how you can market your WGSS skills for your particular career path and future endeavors.



WGSS SKILL



How do I market it?



Potential Careers

Oral and written communication

You can navigate complex topics such as gender, race, class, and disability with empathy and understanding in both oral and written communications.

Creativity, innovative thinking, problem solving You bring creative and innovative approaches to solving difficult problems, especially those facing underrepresented or marginalized groups

Journalist, lawyer, reporter, writer, professor, teacher, editor, migration work, researcher, psychiatrist, psychologist, NGO advisor/researcher, diversity and inclusion officer, marketing, HR, governemt work

Cultural awareness, interpersonal skills, personal reflexivity

You are comfortable working with people in diverse settings, bringing empathy and a rich understanding of history, culture, and personal experience to interactions with clients, stakeholders, co-workers, and the public.



Lesson 7

How do I market?

Potential Careers

Inclusivity, listening, solidarity Your open-mindedness and inclusive perspective enables you to build strong relationships, collaborate on teams, and productively work through conflict.

Tech design, community organizer, educator

Project Management Project-based coursework has prepared you to plan and implement complex projects in collaborative settings.

Public Interest Group Director,
Health Science administrator
Development Officer, City Planner,
Director of a Crisis Center
University academic administrator

Hope and resilience

You bring a practiced resilience to tough situations. You know how to motivate your team by sustaining hope for a better, brighter future.



Parent, educator, community worker, social justice, lawyer

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