



**Career Services**  
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Rutgers University - New Brunswick

## Career Opportunities for Majors in *Women's and Gender Studies*

### Introduction

The Women's and Gender Studies major offers an interdisciplinary curriculum that emphasizes multicultural and global perspectives of women's lives, presently and historically. While the major focuses on the impact of cultural, educational, familial, institutional and political influences upon women, it also explores the differences and similarities among women across races, classes and ethnicities.

As a liberal arts major, students can seek employment with various types of organizations – public, private, government and non-profit. Graduates find job opportunities in a variety of fields, such as government, communications and media, law, public relations, human services, research, international relations, public health and other career fields.

While many graduates work in related occupations and/or choose to obtain an advanced degree, others choose different career paths. Many careers do not require a specific major, but rather a wide range of demonstrated skills and accomplishments. Regardless of your career choices, increase your marketability to employers through internships, service-learning, work experience, good grades and involvement in college activities.

### Types of Employers

A Sample of Private and Non-Profit Organizations	
Advertising Agencies Book Publishers Chambers of Commerce Childcare and Adoption Agencies Civic/Consumer Organizations Colleges and Universities Community Affairs Agencies Economic Development Councils Economic Research Foundations Financial Service Firms	Health Organizations Judicial System Labor Unions Management Consulting Firms Market Research Firms Newspapers/Magazines Public Relations Firms Retail Stores Social Service Agencies Television & Radio Stations Women's Rights Organizations
A Sample of Government Agencies (Federal, State, County, Local)	
Civil Rights Commission Commerce Department Consumer Affairs Office Consumer Product Safety Commission Department of Labor	Federal Communications Agency Health and Human Services National Telecommunications and Information Administration Small Business Administration

### A Sample of Possible Occupations

Admissions Counselor Business Manager Career Counselor Child Welfare Worker Community Affairs Specialist Community Service Agency Director Consumer Advocate Customer Relations Representative Employee Relations Manager Financial Planner Health Policy Planner Hospital Administrator	Human Resources Administrator Investment Counselor Lawyer Market Research Analyst Mental Health Counselor Planned Parenthood Counselor Psychologist Public Policy Specialist Public Relations Specialist Social Worker Women's Rights Advocate Writer/Editor/Journalist
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### Skills

Ability to organize and meet deadlines; Write and edit material  
 Ability to think conceptually  
 Critical thinking, analyzing, problem solving  
 Interpersonal skills; Plan and coordinate work with others

### Jobs Obtained by Rutgers Graduates in Women's Studies

First Jobs of Recent Graduates	
Administrative Assistant, NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Advisor, Alternatives Inc. Assistant, B'nai B'rith International Membership Assistant Manager, Joyce Leslie, Inc. Bank Teller, First Fidelity Bank Case Manager, Cumberland Family Shelter Consultant, Center for Women	Counselor, Crawford House Editorial Assistant, American Baby Magazine Monitor, Community Correction Council Program Coordinator, Women's Rights Info. Center Real Estate Coordinator, Avaya, Inc. Research Assistant, Eagleton Institute, Rutgers Teacher, Autistic Children, The Children's Institute Television Producer, NBC News
Jobs of Experienced Alumni	
Accountant, Cohen, Harrison & Co. Account Manager, The Travel Company Admissions Counselor, Rutgers University Assistant - Loans and Syndications, The Bank of Fukuoka, Ltd. Assistant Producer, Clear Cuts Music Director of Grants, Educational Foundation of America Educational Developer, USA Today Log Analyst, Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory Major Gifts Officer, Fordham Law School Police Officer, Irvington Police Dept.	Program Coordinator, Morris County Youth Shelter Project Manager, J.P. Morgan & Co. Psychiatric Emergency Worker, UMDNJ Community Mental Health Center Psychotherapist, Calif. Pacific Medical Center (MA) Research Account Executive, McCann-Erickson Advertising (MA) Research Associate, NY State Assembly (MPA) Residence Hall Director, Beaver College Security Operations Associate, Prudential Financial Teacher, The English Academy in Spain

### Graduate Schools Attended

Rutgers - NB – Master's in Labor & Employment Relations  
 Rutgers - Camden – Master's in Liberal Arts/General Studies

Rutgers - Newark – Master's in Public Administration  
 Vermont Law School – Doctorate in Environmental Law

### Career Services Resources - A Sampling

**Resources** (Check each office for specific books)

*Career Choices for Writers*  
*Career Opportunities in Health Care*  
*Career Opps. In Television, Video & Multimedia*  
*Careers for History Buffs*

*Careers for Liberal Arts Majors*  
*Careers in Communications*  
*Careers in Health/Fitness*  
*Careers in International Business*  
*Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors*

### Services

Alumni Career Network: Rutgers alumni who provide career/educational information and advice  
 Career counseling appointments and drop-in hours (check program schedule)  
 Career days & e-fairs  
 Career Services website: <http://careerservices.rutgers.edu>  
 Computerized career guidance programs and career assessment inventories  
 Internships, summer jobs and full time job listings (MonsterTRAK)  
 On-Campus Recruiting Program for seniors, graduate students and first-year alumni (InterviewTRAK)  
 Rutgers Resume Database  
 Salary information  
 Seminars on choosing a major, resume writing, job hunting, interviewing; alumni panels