

# Next Steps

## Freshman Highlights



- Classes to take: WGS 250
- Schedule time to meet with an academic advisor in the Students First Office to develop a 4-year plan
- Apply to participate in special interest housing
- Sign up early for tutoring and Supplemental Instruction through Student Success Center
- Log into SpartanCareers to view jobs and start your career
- Check out undergraduate research opportunities
- Review the ExploreIt! Shadow Program

## Sophomore Highlights



- Classes to take: WGS 350
- Meet with your faculty advisor to ensure you are on track in completing your GEC requirements
- Visit Students First Office to estimate your GPA and re-view your degree evaluation
- Visit Career Services Center to talk with a Peer Career Ambassador. Time to get your major confirmed and resume started
- Attend Career Services Theme Weeks
- Begin to develop your professional network

## Junior Highlights



- Discover leadership opportunities through clubs and organizations
- Check out opportunities—Office of Leadership & Service Learning
- Visit Career Services Center to complete your resume, practice interviewing, learn about graduate school, and/or prepare your internship search action plan
- Attend Career Fairs and Employer Information Sessions
- Continue to build your professional network by speaking with faculty, employers, and alumni
- Complete a Course Overload Form in Student First Office if you need to register for more than 18 hours

## Senior Year Highlights



- Meet with your faculty advisor to finalize your plans
- Apply for graduation via University Registrar - watch out for **deadlines**
- Take the “Senior Check Up” to see what skills or experiences you should make use of at Career Services
- Start applying to jobs and graduate programs
- Attend Career Fairs
- Network, network, network

# B.A. in Women’s & Gender Studies



# MAP IT!

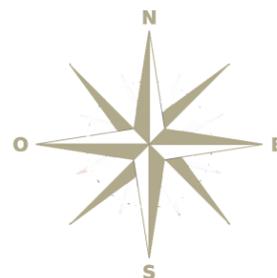
## Chart your course

## Department of Women’s & Gender Studies

<http://wgs.uncg.edu>

### Career Services Center

#1 Elliott University Center  
336.334.5454  
[career\\_services@uncg.edu](mailto:career_services@uncg.edu)  
[csc.dept.uncg.edu](http://csc.dept.uncg.edu)



### Students First

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# Women's & Gender Studies

## WHERE IT CAN TAKE YOU

### Sample Work Functions

Those who study this major generally direct their skills, experience, and knowledge towards the following career functional areas:

- Counselor
- Health Clinic
- Journalism
- Lawyer
- Lobbyist
- Diversity Training
- Human Rights Advocate
- Teacher
- Editor
- Public Relations
- Policy Advocate
- Political Scientist

### Sample Work Settings

Here is a sample of work settings (or work environments) that might interest someone with this educational background.

- Laboratories
- Correctional Institutions
- Business Corporations
- Universities & Colleges
- Think Tanks
- Consulting
- Magazines/News
- International Aid
- Congress
- Foundations
- Federal & State Government
- K-12 Education
- Non Profit Organizations
- City/State Government

### Sample Salary Information

Salary information below represents median trends for sample job functions below and may not account for variables including geography, candidate background, or other factors involved in salary negotiation. For more complete information, check out the O\*Net and the Occupational Outlook Handbook in addition to conducting informational interviews with professionals in the field.

- Counselor: \$40,080\*
  - Medical Assistant: \$29,370
  - Editor: \$53,880
  - Professor: \$62,050\*
  - Nurse Practitioner: \$89,960\*
  - Journalist: \$36,000
  - Sociologist: \$72,360\*
  - Public Relations: \$54,170
  - Social Worker: \$41,530
  - Political Scientist: \$102,000\*
- \*additional education may be required

### Organizations Where Our Alumni Have Gone

- Department of Mental Health Law and Policy
- Women's Care Center at Alamance Regional
- Choice Management
- Alliance of AIDS Services
- NC Department of Agriculture
- NC Office of Administrative Hearings
- The Carolinian
- Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance

## HOW TO GET THERE

### Try on this major

There are several courses within the Women's and Gender Studies department that any UNCG student can take as a way to "try on" the major and determine if it's a good fit for you. Talk with your advisor if you are interested in "trying on" this major.

WGS 250: Contemporary Non-Western Cultures

WGS 270: Sexuality and Culture

### When to take coursework

Students pursuing this major are required to take several different General Education Core (GEC) and College Additional Requirements (CAR) courses during their freshman and sophomore years. To ensure that you stay on track to graduate, talk with your advisor about registering for the following courses:

WGS 250—first semester freshman year

WGS 350—first semester sophomore year

### Campus Organizations & Clubs and Professional Associations

- Women With or Without
- National Women's Studies Association
- Women for Women International
- Girls Reaching Out (GRO)
- PRIDE!
- E.B.O.N.Y.

### Special Interest Housing

Special interest housing communities are residential-based programs designed to enhance the overall undergraduate student experience by fostering one-on-one relationships between faculty, staff, and students in a close knit residence hall environment. Students are encouraged to explore intellectual, cultural, and social interests through experiential activities often linked to the academic curriculum. Students learn with friends, while gaining real-world experience all where they live. Special interest housing options include:

- Lloyd International Honors College
- Living-Learning Communities
- Residential Colleges
- Themed Communities

### Past Internship Sites

Note: this is a partial listing of where students have interned in the past. Internships are not guaranteed; work with your academic program and the Career Services Center to strategize your plans for an internship to compliment your studies.

- Beloved Community Center
- Interactive Resource Center
- Women's Workforce Web
- Stone Circles/Stone House
- Planned Parenthood
- YMCA
- NC Families United

### Sample Graduate Programs

Students graduating from this undergraduate program also look at continuing their education in these sample programs:

- Counseling
- Law School
- Teaching
- Social Work
- Business Programs
- Medical Schools

### GPA & Other Requirements

Once you declare a Women's and Gender Studies major and select your academic concentration, you want to be sure you are aware of the various GPA and program requirements. Knowing these in advance will help you stay on track each semester and in planning out your long-term goals.

Concentration	GPA & Program Requirements	Application Procedures
Women's and Gender Studies (BA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WGS 490, the capstone course, requires assembly of a portfolio of work completed from all WGS courses.</li> </ul>	None

### Sample Minors/Double-Majors

Often, UNCG students may be interested in pursuing a second major or a minor to complement their major. If this is of interest to you, be sure to discuss it with your advisor early on. Some possible minors or majors to consider include:

- Political Science
- Psychology
- English