

GENDER STUDIES (BS):

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“The Gender Studies major explores how gender and sexuality influence constructions of human identity historically and culturally, and how these in turn shape human development, behavior, and the processes of justice. Students in the major will learn to examine gender and sexuality from a broad variety of academic perspectives.”

Skills, Abilities and Objectives for Gender Studies Majors:

- Identify assumptions about gender and sexuality
- Write arguments about the inter-relations between gender and sexuality
- Understand various cultures and societies
- Develop strong research and writing skills
- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills
- Develop and execute projects on gender and sexuality
- Examine reports and justify positions
- Influence and persuade others
- Problem solve, evaluate policies and generate solutions
- Synthesize ideas and themes
- Translate theory to action
- Assess different cultural needs and respond effectively

Transferring Skills to Careers:

The skills above prepare Gender Studies for a range of professional degrees and career options. ***The list below does not include all possible professional paths available to students who major in Gender Studies*** but gives a sample of careers graduates have chosen to pursue. The writing skills and analytical skills developed by *Gender Studies* majors are applicable to positions such as:

- Victim Advocate
- Research Assistant
- Creative and Technical Writer
- Journalist/Editor/Writer
- Attorney/Lobbyist
- Psychologist
- Marketing Consultant
- Foreign Relations Specialist
- Industrial Analyst
- Professor
- Curriculum Planner
- Counselor
- Public Policy Analyst
- Crisis Manager
- Consultant
- Television Programmer
- Account Executive
- Higher Education Administrator
- Human Services Professional

Strategies for Professional Development:

- Explore minors such as: Corrections, Human Services, Criminology, Political Science, and Security Management to acquire a strong diverse educational background.
- Look for internship/volunteer experiences with various financial and government agencies.
- Develop and emphasize your transferable skills such as:
 - Counseling
 - Research and Writing
 - Leadership
 - Critical Thinking
- Conduct informational interviews with professionals in field of interests.
- Get involve in student organizations such as the **JJ Writers, John Jay Pride, The Women’s Center, Urban Male Initiative** and **Diverse Cultures United**.
- Create a LinkedIn account to connect with individuals and organizations in field of interests.
- Consider pursuing a master’s degree in a related career field.

Professional Associations/Organizations:

A professional association is an organization formed to promote and support the development, growth and work efforts of individuals in a particular career field. Membership benefits include networking, continuing education, mentoring programs, meetings/conferences and exclusive access to information regarding career opportunities.

There is often a fee for joining professional organizations; however, most associations offer discounts to students, including graduate school students, recent graduates, and young professionals. All or a portion of associations fees are tax deductible. To learn more about professional associations, see the *National Trade and Professional Associations Directory*, the *American Society of Association Executives* or *Encyclopedia of Associations: Volume I- National Organizations of the U.S.* is available in the Reference section of John Jay College's Lloyd Sealy Library.

- **Natiional Women's Studies Association**
<http://www.nwsa.org/>
- **American Psychological Association**
<http://www.apa.org>
- **American Counseling Association**
<http://www.counseling.org>

Additional Resources:

- **Legislative Fellows Program**
<http://lfp.americancouncils.org>

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