The Bachelor of Arts in Women’s and Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary program that combines a variety of disciplines including sociology, literature, psychology and political science. Through these areas of study, students will critique power structures relating to sex, sexuality, race, class, age, abilities, belief systems, and other societal institutions. In addition to academics, the program at William Paterson University encourages students to become activists in their communities in an effort to make true equality a reality for all human beings. This is a 33 credit major, including 4 core classes and 7 elective classes.

WPUNJ Women’s and Gender Studies:  
http://www.wpunj.edu/cohss/departments/womens/

WPUNJ Admissions:  
http://www.wpunj.edu/admissions/undergraduate/academic-programs/programs_detail.dot?id=126140

Interests & Skills:
*Activism  
*Desire to change the world  
*Desire to influence all people  
*Helpfulness

*Integrity  
*Intellectual growth  
*Flexibility

Work Environment:
Women’s and Gender Studies majors can work in a variety of different settings. They might work in public or private companies. Hospitals, mental health facilities and wellness centers are all possible work environments. In addition, women’s studies majors can work in publishing companies, law firms, and women’s service organizations.

Possible job titles:
*Announcer  
*Business Administrator  
*Church Camp Director  
*Columnist  
*Guidance Counselor  
*Lawyer  
*Missionary  
*Philosophical Counselor  
*Professor  
*Public Service Official  
*Religious Bookstore Worker  
*Salvation Army Employee  
*Religious Educational Admin.  
*Dir. of Religious Education  
*Assistant Buyer  
*Campus Religious Coordinator  
*Church Camp Secretary  
*Credit Analyst  
*Denominational Executive  
*Insurance Underwriter  
*Minister/Youth Minister  
*Nursing Home Director  
*Politician  
*Public Policy Manager  
*Public Relations Representative  
*Religious Education Teacher  
*Seminary Administrator  
*Student Affairs Administrator  
*Medical/Environmental Ethicist  
*Author  
*CIA Agent  
*Claims Adjuster  
*Diplomat  
*Editorial Assistant  
*Journalist  
*Lobbyist  
*Paralegal  
*Priest  
*Rabbi  
*Religious Researcher  
*Rabbi  
*Religious Staff Writer  
*Writer  
*YMCA/YWCA Employee  
*Campus Minister  
*Chaplain  
*Clergy  
*Foreign Service  
*Fundraiser  
*Judge  
*Minister of Music  
*Pastor  
*Producer/Director  
*Researcher  
*Teacher
Enhance Your Qualifications:
Students in the Women’s and Gender Studies major at William Paterson have numerous opportunities to enhance their academic experience. Students can contact the department about internships in such places as non-profit organizations, law offices, and government. Finally, students can join various groups on campus such as the Feminist Collective, and the Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership, and Equality (SABLE) which will enable them to meet others with similar interests. Students can also contact the Women’s Center in the Student Center about various programs and volunteer opportunities on campus and in the community. Students may also seek to join National Women’s groups that pique their interests to discuss their thoughts with other individuals who share their passion. Students may also decide to supplement their Women’s studies major with a minor in business, communication or another area of interest. Students that major in Women’s and Gender Studies can connect on LinkedIn with classmates, professors and professionals in their area of interest. They may also join groups on linked in and join professional associations.

WPUNJ Alumni:
Teacher Newark Public Schools
Behavioral Health Counselor St Clare's Hospital
Early Childhood Educator Paterson Public Schools
Social Worker State of NJ DYFUS
Manager, Investigative Team Cambridge Integrated Services. Inc.

Related Web Sites:
The National Organization of Women http://www.now.org/
The Feminist Majority Foundation http://www.feminist.org/
The American Association of University Women http://www.aauw.org/
The National Women’s Studies Association http://www.nwsa.org/content.asp?pl=19&contentid=19
Salary.com http://www.salary.com
O*net http://www.onetonline.org

Other sources:
Please drop by the Career Development and Advisement Center to learn more about careers in women and gender studies. The career library carries career-specific books and counselors are available to answer any further questions you may have. Visiting the Women’s and Gender Studies Department on campus may also prove valuable in addressing questions.

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http://www.wpunj.edu/career-advisement/
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