Knowledge & Skills Gained as a Women’s & Gender Studies Major:

Knowledge:

• Students learn about gender, sexual difference, masculinity and femininity. Courses examine the intersections of gender with race/ethnicity, nationality, socioeconomic class, ability levels, sexuality, and additional dimensions of difference.

• WGST majors learn to identify, articulate and analyze subtle as well as overt cultural practices that promote and even institutionalize specific notions around gender, sexuality, and sexual orientation.

• Our graduates have highly developing reading, writing, and oral communication skills, especially concerning women’s and gender issues. They are good researchers and are comfortable talking about a wide variety of related topics. They can build logical arguments using scholarly evidence.

Skills:

• WGST graduates analyze all kinds of texts, from screenplays to novels, advertisements and music lyrics. They can think critically about language, gender, and culture to explain the overt and covert meanings of these texts.

• Our graduates can solve problems that arise when different notions of gender or sexuality collide in homes, workplaces and communities. They appreciate the value of diverse perspectives grounded in different lived experiences and can help to identify common ground.
Career Opportunities

By nature, Liberal Arts majors make great employees in any field because of their ability to communicate effectively, think critically and solve complex problems. These timeless skills make them attractive to employers in all walks of society. Specifically though, WGST majors often pursue careers in:

- Academic advisor
- Non-profit fundraising director
- Health clinic coordinator
- Homeless shelter director
- Educator
- Counselor
- Domestic violence/Intimate partner violence shelter manager
- Student advisor
- Non-profit program manager

When the WGST major is matched with complementary minors and thoughtful internships, new possibilities arise. A few examples are:

- WGST + marketing = advertising
- WGST + gerontology = Nursing Home Coordinator
- WGST + criminal justice = Corrections Officer, Probation/Parole Officer
- WGST + business = Industry jobs of all types
- WGST + political science = Congressional Aide
- WGST + English = Writing/Publishing

Student Opportunities

- **No Limits!** student conference is held annually and collaboratively by the UNL, UNK, and UNO Women’s and Gender Studies programs. Students present their research or creative activity in a collegial, professional and supportive environment.

- **WGS Club** is forming. Student members will contribute to WGS initiatives such as the No Limits conference and the annual spring event, and will pursue projects that they choose.

- **The UNO Women’s Resource Center and Woman to Woman International - Omaha Chapter** welcome involvement of Women’s and Gender Studies Students. A Gender and Sexuality Club is under development.

Did You Know?

Nearly every college and university in the United States has a Women’s and Gender Studies program (although they go by different names, such as “Feminist Studies,” or “Sexuality and Gender Studies.”) Women’s and Gender Studies became a major at UNO in 2001.

For more information:

For program information, contacts and course requirements visit:

[www.unomaha.edu/cas/wgst](http://www.unomaha.edu/cas/wgst)

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