Maine's first and still most robust Women's Studies program, WGS at USM offers students the opportunity to study the lives, ideas, and actions of women throughout history, to explore new ways of thinking about gender, and to participate meaningfully in the Greater Portland community of scholars, writers, artists, health workers, politicians, and activists. A signature program at USM, Women and Gender Studies prides itself on both its scholarly excellence and on its contemporary relevance; our students may write a thesis supervised by an interdisciplinary committee or, as part of their capstone experience, they may spend a semester working with one of our many community partners (left and below). In either case, USM students have the benefit of a first-rate education by active, publishing scholars with connections to a wide academic network, along with access to regional and statewide businesses and non-profit organizations.

### Internship Partners

- Animal Refuge League
- The Art Department
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Caring Unlimited
- The Center for Grieving Children
- Coastal Studies for Girls
- Community Mentoring
- East End Children's Workshop
- Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service
- Environment Maine
- Equality Maine
- Family Crisis Services
- Frannie Peabody Center
- Youth Alternatives - Ingraham Heritage House
- Kids First Center
- League of Women Voters of Maine
- Learning Works
- Long Creek Youth Development center
- Local Self-Reliance - New Rules Project
- McAuley Residence
- Maine Civil Liberties Union
- Maine Humanities
- Maine People's Alliance
- The Community Connector/Mainely Parents
- Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project
- Maine Women's Fund
- Maine Women's Policy Center
- NAACP
- National Organization for Women Outright
- Peace Action Maine
- Planned Parenthood of Northern New England
- Prysm
- Sexual Assault Response Services
- Shalom House
- United Way of Greater Portland
- Women In Need Industries
- Women, Work and Community
- Youth and Family Outreach
- YMCA

### Recent Event Programming Partners

- Maine Humanities Council
- Planned Parenthood of Northern New England
- Maine Choice Coalition
- USM ADVANCE Catalyst grant devoted to the role of women in the sciences
- Southworth Planetarium
- Sexual Assault Services Southern Maine
- Maine Holocaust & Human Rights Center
- Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center
- Maine Women's Policy Center
- Sampson Diversity Center
- Maine National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
- Maine Women's Studies Consortium
- Maine Children's Film Festival
- University of Maine Libra Professorship
- Campus Safety Project
- UNE/Addverb Production
- Boys to Men
- Family Crisis Center
- United Way Portland
- Maine Women's Fund
- The Telling Room
- Hardy Girls Healthy Women
- SMCC Gender Equity Committee
- Portland Museum of Art
- The Bluestocking Film Series

### Recent graduates have continued their education at:

- Northeastern University School of Law
- San Francisco State University
- Simmons College
- Northwestern University
- University of Texas at Austin
- New York University
- Washington University Pre-Med

### Local WGS Alumni Employers include:

- Family Crisis Services
- Planned Parenthood
- Frannie Peabody Center
- Gay-Straight Alliance Network
- Americorps
- L.L. Bean
- Maine Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness
- The Opportunity Alliance
- Maine Medical Center