# Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences – Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies | Bachelor of Arts

## First Year (0-45 credits)
- Explore IAS Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies Webpage
- Meet with professors/Pre-Major Advisors
- Consider taking the Career Exploration class BISSKL 250
- Explore study abroad opportunities through IAS

## 2nd & 3rd Years (45-135 credits)
- Explore faculty bio pages and the undergraduate research database to find research opportunities – earn credit through BIS 398, BIS 492, or BIS 498
- Explore graduate school options, including program and admission requirements
- Participate in Community-Based Learning and Research (CLBR) coursework
- Participate in a study abroad program

## 4+ Years (135+ credits)
- Complete BIS 499 Portfolio Capstone
- Apply to graduate school (if applicable), make an appointment with Career Services to help you with the process

## Career Development Checklist
- Register on Handshake
- Develop Resume
- Build LinkedIn & Handshake profiles
- Network with alumni/industry professionals
- Research careers and skill requirements for your major
- Participate in an internship
- Practice mock interviews
- Develop list of references and recommenders

## Employment Opportunities:
- Business and Industry, Human Services, Healthcare, Education, Law and Politics
- Related Careers: Human Resources, Public Health, Mental Health Services, Teaching, Research, Nonprofit Leadership, Program Management
- Licensing/certification: Human Resources Certification, Paralegal

## Post-Baccalaureate Degree Paths:
- Master’s in Women’s Studies, JD for law positions, PhD in Gender Studies

## Companies who have hired on Handshake:
- MultiCare Health System, City of Seattle, DESC, RoleModel Enterprises, Women on Change;YouthCare

## Professional Associations:
- National Women’s Council, National Humanities Center

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## EDUCATION
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## HANDS ON LEARNING
**What can I do to achieve my goals?**
- Use the UW Bothell’s LinkedIn Alumni profile, WOIS.org, What Can I Do With This Major, and O*NET Online to research careers and skill requirements
- Participate in campus activities to build community and network with others
- Join a club or student government to build skills in leadership, communication, and working with diverse populations
- Find volunteer opportunities with your community or local non-profit

## CAREER PREPARATION
**How can I help myself get a job?**
- Make your first appointment with Career Services to develop your resume and LinkedIn profile
- Register for Handshake (UW’s free job and internship board) and complete your profile
- Participate in a Career Trek, an interactive opportunity to explore career options and pathways
- Conduct informational interviews with alumni and other industry professionals for career advice, job research, and discuss mentorship opportunities

- Intern with an employer/career of interest – and earn credit via BIS 495 (Example(s): School of Recovery Assistant, Nonprofit Leadership, Economic Empowerment)
- Job shadow to clarify career interests
- Update resume with relevant academic coursework/project
- Update LinkedIn/e-portfolio and LinkedIn profile with projects and accomplishments which highlight your skills
- Apply to Student Employment opportunities to gain experience and leadership
- Practice your elevator speech and network with faculty, peers and alumni for post-graduation planning
- Join the UW Alumni Association and Husky Landing to stay connected and attend networking events
- Utilize LinkedIn Learning to develop and enhance skills
- Visit Career Services to refine your resume/LinkedIn profile, job search strategies, and interview skills
- Develop a list of academic references and recommenders
- Begin applying for jobs