CO-OP+CAREER

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR DEGREE?

GENDER STUDIES

Your career is a journey and there’s more than one “right” path. This resource includes some of the ways that you can explore your career journey—find even more at uvic.ca/coopandcareer/degree.

EXPLOR​E POTENTIAL CAREERS

Your education, experience, knowledge, skills and attributes can help you excel in many directions. Here are a few sample jobs and fields of work that relate to your program:

- Community outreach worker
- Diversity officer
- Librarian/archivist
- Cultural programs coordinator
- International development officer
- Program manager
- Volunteer coordinator
- Social media manager
- Human resources coordinator
- Legal professional
- Counsellor
- Midwife
- Student services
- Teacher/instructor
- Entrepreneur

Some of these roles may require post-graduate studies or training.

What steps can you take to find a career that fits?
+ Explore how your interests align with career paths during an appointment with a career educator at uvic.ca/coopandcareer/advice
+ Look for career ideas by searching for job postings with your program name at learninginmotion.uvic.ca
+ Take part in the Horizons program to generate career ideas and decide on your next steps at uvic.ca/coopandcareer/careerprograms

GAIN EXPERIENCE AND MAKE CONNECTIONS

Gaining experience in the community and workplace can help you gain insight and build your network. We’ve put together a list of some of the hands-on learning opportunities available in your program area.

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<td>• Learn about a wide range of hands-on learning opportunities, including Community Service Learning courses, course-based experiences and more at uvic.ca/coopandcareer/hands-on</td>
<td>• Volunteering is a great way to gain work experience, give back to your community and build skills to boost your résumé—learn more at uvic.ca/coopandcareer/volunteer</td>
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What networks can you connect to?
Your friends, family, professors and colleagues are all part of your network—ask them how they’ve navigated their career paths. You can also connect with professional associations related to your field—here are just a few:

| • Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada (sshrc.ca) | • Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (ideas-idees.ca) |
| • Women’s and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (wgsrc.com) |

TIP: Learn all about effective networking (plus other work search resources) at uvic.ca/coopandcareer/worksearch.

BUILD YOUR SKILLS
Every experience helps you develop competencies—knowledge, skills and attributes that are valuable to employers. We can help you understand and describe your competencies, which comes in handy when you’re searching for work.

What competencies do all employers look for?
Here are the 10 core competencies that are valuable in every workplace (these align with UVic’s Learning Outcomes):

| • Personal management  | • Teamwork |
| • Communication  | • Commitment to quality |
| • Managing information  | • Professional behaviour |
| • Research and analysis  | • Social responsibility |
| • Project and task management  | • Continuous learning |

What competencies will you develop through your program?
Here are some of the competencies specific to your academic program (full list at uvic.ca/coopandcareer/degree).

| • Explore feminist theories and activism as they pertain to women’s lives | • Examine the complex ways in which power circulates through the lives of individuals and groups |
| • Participate in building communities through active engagement in community-based groups and projects | • Understand the implications of the complicated spread of global interdependence in political, economic and cultural areas for women’s lived experiences |

You can also develop intercultural competencies and professional competencies.

TIP: Visit uvic.ca/coopandcareer/buildskills to learn how to assess and describe your competencies.

LOOKING FOR MORE SUPPORT?
Job postings: uvic.ca/coopandcareer/career
Events and more: learninginmotion.uvic.ca    uviccoopandcareer    @uviccoopcareer