Women, Gender & Law: Opportunities for Graduate Education

Several law schools in the United States now offer joint degree programs that allow students to obtain a law degree in conjunction with a graduate degree in gender and women’s studies. Other law schools have feminist legal journals or legal clinics that provide hands-on experience working on a range of issues relating to women and gender studies, including employment discrimination, family law, reproductive rights, violence against women, LGBT rights, human trafficking, and immigrant women’s rights. There are also many legal advocacy organizations where students can gain valuable feminist legal experience.

Below are four lists:

1. Dual degree programs in law and gender/women’s studies
2. Law schools with feminist law journals
3. Law schools with feminist legal clinics
4. Feminist legal advocacy organizations

Note that these lists may not be exhaustive.

For general information about law school admissions, go to the Law School Admissions Council.

See also Feminist Law Professors.

1. Dual Degree JD and MA Gender and Women’s Studies Programs

George Washington University
https://womensstudies.columbian.gwu.edu/joint-degrees-law

Pace University Law School and Sarah Lawrence J.D./M.A. in Women’s History
http://www.slc.edu/graduate/programs/womens-history/Joint_Degree_Program_with_Pace_Law_School.html

University of Arizona
https://gws.arizona.edu/node/206

University of Cincinnati
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/departments/wgss/grad/majd_jointdegree.html

University of Florida
https://wst.ufl.edu/graduate-studies/majd-program/

Other gender and law programs:

University of Indiana, Bloomington- JD with a minor in Gender Studies:
http://www.law.indiana.edu/academics/jd-degree/joint-degrees/outside.shtml

American University’s Women and Law Program, including an LLM with a specialization in Gender and International Law

Western New England University School of Law—Gender and Sexuality Studies Concentration
http://www1.law.wne.edu/current/index.cfm?selection=doc.9110

2. Feminist Law Journals

American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law

Berkeley Women’s Law Journal

Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law and Justice

Buffalo Journal of Gender, Law and Social Policy

Canadian Journal of Women and the Law

Cardozo Journal of Gender and Law

Circles: The Buffalo Women’s Journal of Law and Social Policy

Columbia Journal of Gender and Law

DePaul Journal of Women, Gender and the Law

Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy

Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law

Harvard Journal of Gender and Law

Hastings Women’s Law Journal

Law and Sexuality (Tulane University)

Michigan Journal of Gender & Law

Rutgers Women’s Rights Law Reporter
Southern California Review of Law and Women's Studies

Texas Journal of Women and the Law (UT Austin)

UCLA Women’s Law Journal

Villanova Women’s Law Forum

William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law

Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender and Society

Yale Journal of Law and Feminism

3. Women & Gender Rights Clinics at Law Schools

Albany Law School Family Violence Litigation and Immigration Project

American University Women and the Law Clinic

Capital University Law School Family Advocacy Clinic

Columbia Law School Sexuality and Gender Law Clinic

Cornell Law School LGBT Communities Clinic

CUNY International Women’s Human Rights Clinic

Emory University Law School Feminism and Legal Theory Project

Fordham Domestic Violence Action Center

Georgetown Law Domestic Violence Clinic

Georgetown Law International Women’s Human Rights Clinic

Golden Gate University Women’s Employment Rights Clinic

NYU Reproductive Justice Clinic

Harvard Law School Family Law and Domestic Violence Clinic

Pace Law School Women’s Justice Center

Suffolk University Battered Women’s Advocacy Program
Tulane Law School Domestic Violence Clinic

University of Buffalo Family Violence and Women’s Rights Clinic

UC Berkeley Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice

UCLA School of Law Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy

University of Connecticut Asylum and Human Rights Clinic

University of Michigan Human Trafficking Clinical Program

University of Oregon Domestic Violence Clinic

Yale Program for the Study of Reproductive Justice

4. Feminist Legal Advocacy Organizations

A Better Balance, NYC (work/family balance)

American Association for University Women, DC

Amnesty International Women’s Human Rights Program, NYC

Asian Immigrant Women Advocates, Oakland, CA

ACLU Women’s Rights Project, NYC

Battered Women’s Legal Advocacy Project, Minneapolis, MN

California Women’s Law Center, Los Angeles, CA

Center for Reproductive Rights, NYC

Connecticut Women’s Education and Legal Fund, Hartford

Equality Now, NYC

Equal Rights Advocates, San Francisco

Institute for Women’s Policy Research, DC

International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, New York
Lambda Legal, NYC

Legal Momentum, NYC

Legal Voice, Seattle, WA

National Advocates for Pregnant Women, NYC

National Center for Lesbian Rights, San Francisco, CA

National Center for Transgender Equality, DC

National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, NYC

National Partnership for Women and Families, DC

National Women’s Law Center, Washington DC

Sylvia Rivera Law Project, NYC (transgender rights)

Tahirih Justice Center, Falls Church, VA

Texas Advocacy Project (domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking)

Wider Opportunities for Women, DC

Women’s Law Center of Maryland, Towson, MD

Women’s Law Project, Philadelphia, PA

See also, links to other social justice organizations

For jobs, see http://jobs.feminist.org/