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 women and gender 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, GLBT rights, and immigrant women’s rights. There are also many feminist legal advocacy clinics where students can gain valuable experience while at law school or during summers. See also Feminist Law Professors.

Below are four lists:

1. Joint degree programs in law and women/gender 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.

1. Joint Law and Women’s Studies Programs

George Washington University- JD/MA Women’s Studies:
http://www.gwu.edu/~wstu/programs/jointlaw.htm#JDMA

University of Cincinnati- JD/MA Women’s Studies:
http://www.artsci.uc.edu/collegedepts/womens_studies/grad/ma_jd.aspx

University of Florida- JD/MA Women’s Studies:
http://web.wst.ufl.edu/graduate/MAJD.html

University of Indiana, Bloomington- JD with a minor in Gender Studies:
http://www.law.indiana.edu/academics/dualdegree.cfm

University of Arizona- JD/MA Women’s Studies:
http://www.law.arizona.edu/academics/dualdegree.cfm

American University’s Women and International Law Program—LLM
http://www.wcl.american.edu/gender/wilp/

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
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
See [http://www.designcommunity.com/law/journals.html](http://www.designcommunity.com/law/journals.html)

3. Women & Gender Rights Clinics at Law Schools

- Albany Law School Family Violence Litigation Clinic
- 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 Law 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
- Harvard Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Law Clinic
- Pace Law School Women’s Justice Center
- Suffolk University Battered Women’s Advocacy Program
- Tulane Law School Domestic Violence Clinic
- University of Buffalo Women, Children & Social Justice Clinic
- 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
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://www.feminist.org/911/jobs/joblisting.asp