Activism is at the core of the women’s and gender studies major (WGS). So, like other WGS students, Micah engaged in lively classroom discussions involving complex cultural issues and controversies – from historical to contemporary.

By taking WGS courses such as “Women in Religion,” “Race, Gender and the Environment,” and “Comparative Gender Politics,” she learned to strengthen her skills in writing, critical thinking, oral presentation, teamwork and leadership – all of which will be invaluable for her when she enters today’s rapidly evolving job market. But the curriculum in this major is also giving Micah a unique perspective on the value of diversity, relationships and coalition building, and it’s teaching her to communicate across differences in background and viewpoint. Few areas of study do that so effectively.

A required, semester-long internship helped Micah connect the vital issues she was learning about in class to what is actually going on in the world around her. This took the form of serving as a volunteer coordinator at the Charleston Women’s Medical Center for the better part of a year. She also spent a semester helping elementary school children learn about media literacy. “That experience with school-age kids was unusual because it wasn’t just an internship, but also part of an independent study I did within the major.”

If you’re like Micah and you want to learn in a context that will encourage and empower you to examine the world and begin to make a difference, then check out WGS. Ultimately, it will lead you to become a more engaged and responsible citizen for the 21st century.