A Fletcher education is highly customizable, and each student may decide on a different academic trajectory to suit his or her own professional and academic goals. To get a better sense of how these individual curricular decisions can play out, we asked recent students in their final semester to talk about their goals, their classes, and the decisions made during their Fletcher career.

**Pre-Fletcher Experience:**
Academic background in Women and Gender Studies and Political Science. Experience working with advocacy organizations on issues such as women’s political participation and ending violence against women. 2 years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Morocco.

**Fields of Study:**
1. Gender Analysis in International Studies

**Capstone Project**
*Feminism on the Field: Changing Attitudes about Girls’ Soccer in Southern Morocco*
My capstone discusses my work organizing a regional girls' sports initiative in Morocco, focusing on key challenges and lessons learned for international feminist advocacy work.

**Post-Fletcher Professional Goals:**
I’m interested in working at the intersection of gender advocacy and monitoring and evaluation.

**Curriculum Overview**

**Semester One**
- Design and Monitoring of Peacebuilding and Development Programming
- Democratization in the Middle East
- Gender, Culture, and Conflict
- International Human Rights Law
- International Organizations

I arrived at Fletcher in early August for the pre-session course on Design and Monitoring, which was a wonderful way to begin my Fletcher career. I International Organizations and Human Rights Law provided a great foundation for understanding international law and global governance issues, while Democratization in the Middle East and Gender, Culture, and Conflict were a great way to begin exploring my thematic and regional interests.

**Semester Two**
- Evaluation of Peacebuilding and Development for Practitioners and Donors
- Advanced Evaluation and Learning in International Organizations
- Research Methods
- Current Issues in Human Rights
- Econometrics

In my second semester, I completed the next two courses in the Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation course series as I knew this was an area in which I wanted to focus. I also chose Research Methods and Econometrics to build my qualitative and quantitative research skills. Current Issues in Human Rights was
also a perfect fit given that it focused on gender equality and democratization issues from an international perspective.

**Summer Internship**
I interned at UN Women headquarters in New York City. Over the course of the summer I worked with both the Procurement Section, focusing on an initiative for gender-responsive procurement, and with the Independent Evaluation Office, focusing on developing an e-learning on gender-responsive and human-rights focused evaluation. This was a great opportunity to learn about the work of a multilateral gender advocacy organization and to apply both my gender analysis and evaluation skills.

**Semester Three**
- Processes of International Negotiation
- Econometric Impact Evaluation
- Memory Politics
- Feminist Legal Theory
- Independent Study - Feminist Evaluation

My second year of study presented opportunities to focus on my main interests and find ways to combine them. I focused in depth on gender analysis and feminist theory through the Memory Politics course with professor Theidon and the Feminist Legal Theory course at Harvard. At the same time, the consultancy project with the Impact Evaluation course was a great way to build my quantitative skills apply them to a real project. Through my independent study, I was able to explore feminist evaluation, which perfectly combines my interests gender analysis and monitoring and evaluation.

**Semester Four**
- Gender Theory and Praxis
- Peace Operations
- Negotiating International Leadership
- Civil Resistance
- Independent Study - Evaluation Colloquium

During my final semester, I was delighted to be able to finally declare the Gender Analysis field of study and to take the Gender Theory and Praxis course with Professor Theidon. I've also continued my research on feminist evaluation through the Evaluation Colloquium. I've also enjoyed taking classes that cover a range of topics that I hadn't explored before but which certainly have gender dimensions to them, such as Peace Operations and Civil Resistance.