

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM NO. 13-16

Date: August 23 2013

Submitted by: Sharon Sullivan, 2246

SUBJECT: Women's and Gender Studies

Description:

Currently the course designation for Women's and Gender Studies is IS (Interdisciplinary Studies). This is a proposal to change the course designation to WG (Women's and Gender Studies).

Rationale:

Women's and Gender Studies has a proven track record of student enrollment. A WG course designation would allow Washburn to more efficiently draw students' attention to the program it currently offers. With a WG course designation, students will be better able to identify Women's and Gender Studies courses, including cross-listed courses, and enhance the clarity of the transcript.

Financial Implications: None

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2014

Request for Action: *Approval by AAC/FAC/FS/ Gen Fac, etc*

Approved by: AAC on date: 9/30/13

FAC on date:

Faculty Senate on date:

Attachments

Yes

No

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
PROGRAM CHANGES/DELETIONS**

| | Signature | Recommendation | Review Date |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Dept. Chair | <u>Sharon Reben</u> | <u>approve</u> | <u>3/14/13</u> |
| Division | <u>Kim May</u> | <u>approve</u> | <u>3/12/13</u> |
| Dept. of Educ. <small>(If course relates to teacher certification program.)</small> | <u>See Attached</u> | <u>Approved</u> | <u>4/5/13</u> |
| Dean | <u>Gordon S. McGee</u> | <u>Rec. approval</u> | <u>3/14/13</u> |
| Curriculum Committee | <u>Jack Uhl</u> | <u>rec approval</u> | <u>3-2-13</u> |
| Accepted By CFC | <u>Jack Uhl</u> | <u>approved</u> | <u>4-10-13</u> |
| CAS Faculty | <u>R. D. M. J.</u> | <u>Approved</u> | <u>8/28/2013</u> |
| Approved By: | Faculty Senate _____ | University Faculty _____ | WU Board of Regents _____ |

General Information: Change Deletion

1. Reason for this program change or deletion?
Please see attached.

2. Complete revised description (including program title, requirements, courses within program, credits, and prerequisites)

MISSION

The Washburn University Women's and Gender Studies Minor is an interdisciplinary program devoted to encouraging research on women and gender, sponsoring events focused on issues relevant to women and gender, and promoting outreach across the campus and to the larger community. Women's and Gender studies explores the connections between race and ethnicity, class, sexual identity and gender as they impact women's and men's lives in a variety of cultural contexts. Courses critically examine the social, historical, psychological, literary, artistic, philosophic, and biological roles of women and gender while seeking to provide a fuller understanding of the multidimensional nature of personhood. Emphasizing the connections between theory and practice, Women's and Gender Studies encourages applied learning through internships, community involvement projects, research, and service learning courses.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Women's and Gender Studies minor students will be able to:

- Discuss the multiple types of feminisms that currently exist in the U.S. and internationally, as well as their histories and development;
- Critically analyze and make connections between feminist theories and feminist practices;
- Explicate the basic debates or areas of contention within contemporary feminist thought;
- Describe the multiple ways in which gender is intersected by other social relations such as race, ethnicity, sexuality, class, and nation;
- Identify the basic components that distinguish feminist methodologies from other approaches to inquiry, and the ways in which women's studies approaches have transformed traditional disciplines; and
- Design and implement a project demonstrating in-depth knowledge of one aspect of women's experience learned through (for example) a literary genre, a time period, a geographic region, or focus on a very

narrow topic.

Study Plan

To obtain the Optional Minor in Women's & Gender Studies, a student must complete at least 18 hours of designated Women's & Gender Studies course work, with at least 6 of the hours at the upper division level. These courses should include WG 175: Introduction to Women's Studies and WG 400: Women's and Gender Studies Capstone. The minor will be supervised by a Women's & Gender Studies Advisory Committee member. Students may complete the minor in two ways. They may (a) submit a study plan consisting of coursework formally identified as counting towards the WGSM or (b) they may develop a study plan to request alternate coursework be accepted toward the minor. The minor plans will be reviewed to ensure the program learning outcomes are met. Students wishing to complete the minor must submit their study plan for approval before completing coursework in the minor.

Deletions

3. Is the program being deleted from the catalog being replaced with another program? Yes No
If so, please explain.

4. Is the content of this program being distributed to another program?

Changes

5. Describe the nature of the proposed change.

6. Do you currently have the equipment and facilities to teach the classes within the proposed change?

Women's Studies Minor Request for WG Course Designation and Rationale

Proposed Action:

Create WG course designation for the Women's and Gender Studies minor

Rationale:

Currently, the program provides students with an introductory core course, a capstone, and a roster of 10-12 cross-listed courses in departments across campus. Women's and Gender Studies has a proven track record of student enrollment. For instance, Introduction to Women's Studies enrolls between 24 and 31 students each time it is offered. A WG course designation would allow Washburn to more efficiently draw students' attention to a program it currently offers. With a WG course designation, students will be better able to identify Women's and Gender Studies courses, including cross-listed courses, each semester. This facilitates better marketing of the minor, which in turn will further increase student enrollment and timely completion of the minor. In addition, having a course designation will enhance the clarity of the transcript, which will facilitate the process of transferring course credits to and from other institutions.

Several institutions in Kansas also have a course designation specific to their Women's and/or Gender Studies programs, including Pitt State, Wichita State, K-State and KU. This change would bring us in line with common statewide institutional norms.

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Re: Program Proposals
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Hello,

Ed Dept approves both...Women's Studies and Mass Media. Best, Donna

Sent from my iPad