Fiscal Unit/Academic Org: Women's Studies - D0506
Administering College/Academic Group: Humanities
Co-administering College/Academic Group: 
Semester Conversion Designation: Converted with minimal changes to program goals and/or curricular requirements (e.g., sub-plan/specialization name changes, changes in electives and/or prerequisites, minimal changes in overall structure of program, minimal or no changes in program goals or content)

Current Program/Plan Name: Women's Studies Minor
Proposed Program/Plan Name: Graduate Minor in Women's Studies
Program/Plan Code Abbreviation: WOMSTDG-GM

Credit Hour Explanation

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Program Learning Goals

Note: these are required for all undergraduate degree programs and majors now, and will be required for all graduate and professional degree programs in 2012. Nonetheless, all programs are encouraged to complete these now.

Program Learning Goals

• 1. Think critically about gender and women’s issues
• 2. Pursue interdisciplinary inquiries about gender and to pose questions that cut across disciplinary fields
• 3. Perform women’s studies research: develop an argument, organize data and evidence for that argument, and express ideas in writing

Assessment

Assessment plan includes student learning goals, how those goals are evaluated, and how the information collected is used to improve student learning. An assessment plan is required for undergraduate majors and degrees. Graduate and professional degree programs are encouraged to complete this now, but will not be required to do so until 2012.

Is this a degree program (undergraduate, graduate, or professional) or major proposal? No

Program Specializations/Sub-Plans

If you do not specify a program specialization/sub-plan it will be assumed you are submitting this program for all program specializations/sub-plans.
Pre-Major

Does this Program have a Pre-Major? No

Attachments

- WS GR MI.pdf: Supporting Documents
  (Letter from Program-offering Unit. Owner: Beer, Lexie R)
- Curriculum Map GR MI.pdf: Curriculum Map
  (Curricular Map(s). Owner: Beer, Lexie R)
- A and H CL.WGSST.doc: Cover Letter, A and H
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Comments

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December 1, 2010

Lawrence Krissek, Professor of Earth Sciences        Elliot Slotnick, Professor of Political Science
Faculty Chair, CCI                                  Associate Dean
College of the Arts and Sciences                    The Graduate School

Dear Larry and Elliot,

The Department of Women’s Studies has completed its proposal for semester versions of its programs: BA, Minor, MA, PhD, and Graduate Minor. Please note, the department’s name and its degree titles have changed to the Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSST), approved by the Board of Trustees on October 29, 2010; however, at the time of submission for semester programs, the approval for the name change from all approval bodies was not complete. The Arts and Humanities Disciplinary Advisory Panel within the College of Arts and Sciences reviewed and approved all programs.

**Bachelor of Arts in Women’s Studies:** The last revision to the undergraduate program in Women’s Studies was in October 2009. The quarter-based degree was 45 credit hours and its semester-based version is 30 credit hours with a pre-requisite course of WS 1110 of 3 credit hours. The most significant change to this major is they are renaming their original three categories and including a fourth one as outlined in the Program Rationale. The major courses have been re-configured and re-defined to reflect the expertise of the faculty. In addition, due to the re-envisioning of the courses and the areas, the courses have been limited to count in only two of the four categories. The Transition Plan identified the individualist nature of advising that Women’s Studies has historically provided for its approximately 80-100 majors, and how it will continue this practice in the future. Please note that the BA in Women’s Studies has an assessment plan on file with OAA, confirmed October 15, 2010.

**Minor in Women’s Studies:** Like the re-envisioned BA, the Minor in Women’s Studies mirrors its new configurations. The quarter-based degree was 25 credit hours and its semester-based version is 12 credit hours with a pre-requisite course of WS 1110 of 3 credits, for a total of 15 hours experience in Women’s Studies. Since the minor program is a course-to-course translation, the department has laid out four examples of transition plans for achieving the minor for its approximately 130 minors transitioning from quarters to semesters.

We are sending these programs forward for review and approval in the next stage of curricular review at the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction.

**Master of Arts in Women’s Studies:** Following the undergraduate program revisions, the MA in Women’s Studies is completely re-envisioned with a new foundation of three core courses, additional requirements of gateway courses, and a selection of multiple topics courses that students may choose to fulfill their five elective requirements. The quarter-based degree was 45
credit hours and its semester-based version is 30 credit hours. The architecture of the new MA that will serve its approximate 10-16 students comes from suggestions provided during the department’s program review in 2007.

**Graduate Minor in Women’s Studies:** The graduate minor was first approved in 2005 with revisions in 2009. It typically enrolls 15 students in any one quarter, and because it has a relatively high completion rate because of its flexible requirements, the department chose to maintain its current structure from 2009. The quarter-based degree was 20 credit hours and its semester-based version is 12 credit hours. Since the minor program is a course-to-course translation, the department has laid out four examples of transition plans for achieving the minor for its minors transitioning from quarters to semesters.

**PhD in Women’s Studies:** The PhD in Women’s Studies was first approved in 2001, and since that time it has not gone through a curricular revision. The department took this opportunity to put into action suggestions from its 2007 program review, and re-envisioned its doctoral course work and areas. Most specifically, it changed from five areas of concentration to four, reduced the number of core courses from five to three, and provided a more refined list of topics for their approximate 25-30 doctoral students.

We are sending these programs forward for review and approval in the next stage of curricular review at The Graduate School.

The courses that are specific to all of the programs are listed under Women’s Studies in PACER and have been advanced along with the program forms. All programs from WGSST have the approval of Arts and Humanities. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me at 292-5727 or williams.1415@osu.edu.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals,

Valarie Williams  
Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Arts and Humanities  
Professor of Dance

CC: Jill Bystydzienksi, Chair and Professor, WGSST  
Mark Shanda, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Arts and Humanities  
Lexie Beer, Program Coordinator, WGSST
Date: October 1, 2010
To: Calendar Conversion Committee, Office of Academic Affairs
Cc: Valerie Williams, Associate Dean of Arts and Humanities
Re: Calendar Conversion for the Department of Women’s Studies

The Department of Women’s Studies is pleased to provide our program revisions and suggested implementation for our degree granting programs under the semester calendar to begin in Summer of 2012. The Department currently offers degree program in the following areas:

- Undergraduate Major in Women’s Studies
- Undergraduate Minor in Women’s Studies
- Graduate Minor in Women’s Studies
- Master’s Degree in Women’s Studies
- Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Women’s Studies

The Department of Women’s Studies has worked diligently over the past year to take a comprehensive look at its course offerings and degree programs under the quarter model as well as student input and feedback to determine the most effective and successful semester conversion plan for our department and our various programs. The department began by taking up the conversion task in its Undergraduate Studies Committee and Graduate Studies Committee, each of which includes student representatives, core faculty, associated faculty, and staff. The Undergraduate Studies Committee then divided the faculty into four ad hoc committees that each addressed course changes, deletions and additions for each of our concentration areas: race, sexualities and social justice; power, institutions and economies; narrative, culture, and representation; and global and transnational feminisms. These committees made recommendations on course offerings within their areas for the semester model while the Undergraduate Studies Committee focused on creating the undergraduate major and minor program templates that would incorporate those changes. The Graduate Studies Committee focused on four principles in order to streamline the transition process: adherence to 2/3 reduction; flexibility for students and faculty; clarity and coherence; and focus on interdisciplinarity. These principles aided the committee’s efforts in creating new models for the graduate minor, masters program and doctoral program which the core faculty discussed, revised, and approved at the start of fall quarter 2010, thus completing our revisions for the semester conversion.

The Department of Women’s Studies is confident that the changes made to its programs reflects the interests and desires of our students, the expertise of our faculty, and national trends in the field. Thus, we recommend approval of the Graduate Minor in Women’s Studies as provided herein to be carried forward for offering under the semester calendar beginning in 2012.

Regards,

Dr. Jill Bystydzienski
Department Chair and Professor
Graduate Minor in Women’s Studies

Graduate students enrolled in other departments may pursue a graduate minor in Women’s Studies with the approval of the Graduate Studies Committee. The requirements for the minor include successful completion (with grade B or above) of four courses, including Women’s Studies 7700 (Feminist Inquiry: Theory) or 760 (Feminist Inquiry: Methods) as a required course; a gateway course into one of our four concentration areas including 7710 (Theorizing Race, Sexualities and Social Justice), 7720 (Theorizing Power, Institutions and Economies), 7740 (Theorizing Narrative, Culture and Representation) or 7780 (Theorizing Global and Transnational Feminisms); a course within the concentration area chosen, and an elective course of their choosing. Concentration areas include: Race, Sexualities and Social Justice; Power, Institutions and Economies; Narrative and Cultural Representations; and Global and Transnational Feminisms. The Graduate Studies Committee strongly advises minors to take 7700 or 7760 as their first course, before taking 7710, 7720, 7740, or 7780 and their two other chosen courses.

Requirements for the Graduate Minor in Women’s Studies
- Core Course: WS 7700 or 7760 (3 hours)
- Gateway Course: WS 7710, 7720, 7740 or 7780 (3 hours)
- Concentration Course: Chosen from the four tracks (3 hours)
- Elective Course: Any other Women’s Studies course (3 hours)

Minors should confer with their Women’s Studies advisors regarding which courses they are prepared to take, if any, prior to taking 7700 or 7760. Students should apply to the Graduate Studies Committee by completing and submitting the application forms available from the Graduate Coordinator, as well as supplying the additional materials requested with the application. The Graduate Studies Committee will notify the student about the status of the application as soon as possible, and will assign a Women’s Studies advisor to the successful applicant.
WS Graduate Minor – Program Rationale

The Department of Women’s Studies faculty and Graduate Studies Committee have focused on four guiding principles in adapting the curriculum to the semester model. These principles include:

- Adhering to a 2/3 reduction in course offerings and requirements
- Continued focus on interdisciplinarity
- Flexibility for instructors and students
- Clarity and Coherence

These principles have guided our decisions on course offerings, course requirements, makeup of the program and research and examination procedures. In order to adhere to a 2/3 reduction in offerings and requirements, our credit hour requirements have gone from 20 total hours to 12 total hours. The required courses in the graduate minor program are as follows:

- WS 7700, Feminist Inquiry – Theory or WS 7760, Feminist Inquiry – Methodology
- 1 gateway courses from WS 7710, 7720, 7740, 7780
- 1 concentration course to correspond with chosen gateway area
- 1 elective course chosen from any Women’s Studies graduate course

In addition, in order to adhere to a 2/3 reduction, provide flexibility and interdisciplinarity for students and clarity within the program, we have limited our curriculum to the following set of elective courses:

- WS 8800, Topics in Feminist Theory
- WS 8810, Topics in Race, Sexualities, and Social Justice
- WS 8820, Topics in Power, Institutions, and Economies
- WS 8840, Topics in Narrative, Culture, and Representation
- WS 8860, Topics in Methodology
- WS 8880, Topics in Global and Transnational Feminisms

This change allows our students more clarity in associating topics courses with their matching gateway/concentration area to better streamline their foci as well as allows our faculty to continue to teach specialized courses in their research areas under the guise of a topics course. This not only allows flexibility for our current faculty but also eases the work of future faculty in not overwhelming our curriculum with courses that can only be taught by one or two faculty members that may or may not move onto other institutions in the future. The graduate minor was developed in 2005 and since has enrolled more and more students each year. The only major change to the graduate minor program occurred in 2009 when the department added a second option for completing the core requirement, thus allowing more students to be able to complete the minor within a possibly short time frame. Since this change, we have had many more students enroll in and complete the minor. We currently have 15 students in the process of completing the minor with additional students joining the program every quarter. Therefore, we have decided not to make any structural changes to the minor program but simply followed in line with our credit hour reduction. We are pleased with the success of the minor program and hope that keeping these flexible requirements will allow us to continue to recruit interdisciplinary students from across the university.
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<td>Intro to women’s studies as a field of study and an orientation to the program, facilities, resources, and people.</td>
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<td><strong>Theorizing Race, Sexualities and Social Justice</strong></td>
<td>Examines theories of difference based on race, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality, and class and the ways difference defines and modifies women’s realities.</td>
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<td><strong>Theorizing Power, Institutions, and Economies</strong></td>
<td>Examination of feminist theoretical approaches to the material conditions of women's lives and the changing structures of social, economic, and political power.</td>
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<td><strong>Theorizing Narrative, Culture, and Representation</strong></td>
<td>Introduces graduate students to the central debates that have characterized feminist theories of representation.</td>
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<td>An overview of feminist methodological issues and dilemmas and an introduction to a variety of research methods.</td>
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<td>WS 7780</td>
<td><strong>Theorizing Global and Transnational Feminisms</strong></td>
<td>This course provides a broad comprehension of theoretical aspects of global and transnational feminisms.</td>
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<td><strong>Interdepartmental Studies in the Humanities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Topics in Feminist Studies</strong></td>
<td>Feminist studies on a variety of topics at the PhD level (previously 860).</td>
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<td>Advanced in depth studies in the theories of race, ethnicity, nationality, sexuality and class.</td>
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<td>Advanced study of topics relating to gender, power and change, both theoretical and practical.</td>
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Graduate Minor in Women’s Studies

Student Name

Women’s Studies Advisor

Home Department Advisor

Graduate Minor concentration (select one):

- Race, sexualities, and social justice
- Power, institutions, and economies
- Narrative, culture, and representation
- Global and transnational feminisms

Requirements. WS 700 – Introduction to Graduate Studies is required.

Quarter taken
Instructor
Grade

Gateway Course. Select the 5-credit course that corresponds to your chosen concentration.

- WS 710 Theorizing Difference
- WS 720 Theorizing Gender, Power, and Change
- WS 740 Theorizing Gender Representation
- WS 780 Global and Transnational Feminisms

Quarter taken
Instructor
Grade

Elective Courses. Select two or more 5-credit courses from the attached course offerings. One will be the second course in your concentration; the others are self-selected WS courses.

Course Number
Title
Quarter taken
Instructor
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Graduate Minor in Women’s Studies

Student Name  

Women’s Studies Advisor

Home Department Advisor

Graduate Minor concentration (select one):

☐ Race, sexualities, and social justice
☐ Power, institutions, and economies
☐ Narrative, culture, and representation
☐ Global and transnational feminisms

Requirements. Select a core course that corresponds with your interests or scheduling needs.

☐ WS 7700 Feminist Inquiry: Theory (3 cr)
☐ WS 7760 Feminist Inquiry: Methods (3 cr)

Course ___________  Semester ___________  Instructor ________________  Grade _____

Gateway Course. Select the course that corresponds to your chosen concentration.

☐ WS 7710 Theorizing Race, Sexualities and Social Justice (3 cr)
☐ WS 7720 Theorizing Power, Institutions and Economies (3 cr)
☐ WS 7740 Theorizing Narrative, Culture and Representation (3 cr)
☐ WS 7780 Theorizing Global and Transnational Feminisms (3 cr)

Course ___________  Semester ___________  Instructor ________________  Grade _____

Concentration Course. Select one 3-credit course from WS graduate course offerings as the second course in your concentration; this course should correspond with your chosen gateway.

Course ___________  Semester ___________  Instructor ________________  Grade _____

Elective Course. Select one or more 3-credit course(s) from WS graduate course offerings as your elective option; this course does not have to correspond with your chosen gateway.

Course ___________  Semester ___________  Instructor ________________  Grade _____

Course ___________  Semester ___________  Instructor ________________  Grade _____

WS CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENT  _____12_____  TOTAL WS HOURS ACHIEVED  __________
Department of Women’s Studies Transition Policy

The Department of Women’s Studies is committed to protecting the academic progress of its students. Students should find that the shift from quarters to semesters does not disrupt their progress towards a graduate minor in Women’s Studies if they actively develop and follow academic plans in consultation with their Women’s Studies academic advisor. Students completing their Women’s Studies graduate minor within this transition will receive approximately the same amount of instruction as students under either the quarter or semester model, and the changes to our programs will only improve the quality of their Women’s Studies education. To ensure the conversion will not harm our students’ progress, we will continue to provide intentional and purposeful advising by understanding how the changes in our courses and program requirements will affect our students programs. We will maintain flexibility with our students’ progress through the graduate minor and assist them in planning their programs to graduation. Since students’ plans vary considerably based on their program and focus, each student’s plan for completing graduate minor requirements in Women’s Studies will need to be determined individually in close consultation with their academic advisor. Our students should be responsible for getting and using advice that assures progress towards their graduate minor.

The Department of Women’s Studies serves approximately 12-18 graduate minors each year in various stages of their degree program. With a full time professional staff member that serves as an advisor and program coordinator as well as 18 full time faculty, the department is well equipped to personally handle the needs of its students during the semester conversion process. We are committed to individually serving our students to ensure their success and achievement throughout the semester conversion. The graduate minor in Women’s Studies requires 4 courses under the quarter model and 4 courses under the semester model. Therefore, due to the straightforward nature of the transition of the graduate minor in Women’s Studies, students will in effect have a one-to-one ratio of converting their minor from quarters to semesters. They will continue to fulfill the 4 required courses and simply end their program with varying credit hours depending on when in their program they transitioned from quarters to semesters. Examples of options are below but others may be needed depending on the term in which the student declares the minor.

The Department of Women’s Studies also commits to updating all documents, forms, and materials that are available in person or electronically to reflect these changes and the semester requirements, including our website, handbooks, advising sheets, and program forms available through the Graduate School and Graduate Admissions.

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Minor coursework completed
Total Hours Completed: 18

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Minor coursework completed
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Minor Coursework completed
Total Hours Completed: 14
# Women’s Studies Graduate Minor Curriculum Map

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**TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS**  
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**B** = BEGINNER LEVEL  
**I** = INTERMEDIATE LEVEL  
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