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January 5, 2011

Abbas Aminmansour, Chair
Senate Committee on Educational Policy
Office of the Senate
228 English Building, MC-461

Dear Professor Aminmansour:

Enclosed is a copy of a proposal from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to revise and rename the Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender and Women's Studies as the undergraduate minor in Gender and Women's Studies.

This proposal has been approved by the Committee on Courses and Curricula in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. It now requires Senate review.

Sincerely,

Kristi A. Kuntz
Assistant Provost

KAK/njh

Enclosures

c: A. Mester
C. Nadeau
S. Vostral

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November 18, 2010

Kritsi Kuntz
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Dear Kristi:

The Committee on Courses and Curricula on behalf of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has voted to approve the following proposals:

Revision of the Existing Undergraduate BALAS in Gender and Women's Studies
Revision of the Existing Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender and Women's Studies
Revision of the Existing Undergraduate Minor in LGBT/Queer Studies

Please address all correspondence concerning these proposals to me. These proposals are now ready for review by the Senate Educational Policy Committee for proposed implementation Fall 2011.

Sincerely,

Ann M. Mester
Associate Dean

enclosures

C: Professor Chantal Nadeau
Professor Sharra Vostral

PROPOSAL TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY TO ESTABLISH OR MODIFY AN UNDERGRADUATE MINOR

Title of the proposed minor:

Revision of Existing Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender & Women's Studies, Department of Gender & Women's Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Sponsoring unit(s):

Gender & Women's Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Chantal Nadeau, Professor & Chair, Department of Gender & Women's Studies, 217-333-2990; nadch@illinois.edu

Brief description of the program of study:

This proposal requests approval to modify the requirements and remove "Interdisciplinary" from the title for the existing undergraduate minor in Gender & Women's Studies. These changes will align the minor with proposed changes to the Gender & Women's Studies major and additions to the curriculum. The minor advocates actively reading, questioning, challenging, and understanding racialized, sexualized, and gendered bodies. A minor in Gender & Women's Studies provides complementary tools for many majors in the humanities, arts and sciences.

The revised minor proposes to:

- 1) Change the "Required Courses"
 - a. Maintain 6 required hours, from which students choose 2 of 3 courses.
 - b. Replace GWS 100 Intro to Gender Studies & GWS 250 Intro to Gender Studies in the Humanities with GWS 201 Race, Gender & Power and GWS 202 Sexualities.
 - c. Change the name of GWS 350 Intro to Feminist Theory to GWS 350 Feminist & Gender Theory
- 2) Designate "Additional Coursework" (See Appendix A)
 - a. Require 9 hours at the 300 & 400 level
 - b. All courses originate from and are owned by the GWS Department
- 3) Area Elective (See Appendix B)
 - a. Change to 3 hours
 - b. Consists of courses both department controlled and cross-listed by GWS.
- 4) The total distribution of hours will be 18.
- 5) For a comparison of the revisions from the current to the proposed minor see Appendix C "crosswalk table."

Justification:

Gender and Women's Studies is a vibrant interdisciplinary department that coordinates a wide range of research, teaching and public service activities emphasizing intersectional approaches to the study of gender, race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality in national and transnational contexts. Forging an array of approaches drawing on social sciences, humanities, sciences, education, design and engineering, architecture, and law, to name a few, our various methods aim to enable our undergraduate and graduate students to have a better understanding of gender as an intrinsic part of the ways we interpret and shape the competing landscapes that we inhabit.

Gender and Women's Studies has 16 faculty members totaling 8.75 FTE; all but one is jointly appointed. Six professors have GWS as a home department. Professors at all ranks are nationally and internationally recognized for their scholarship, receive outstanding teaching evaluations, and are frequent recipients of fellowships and awards. Faculty members hold doctorates in many different fields including African Economic History, Communication Studies/Film Studies, Educational Policy Studies, English, Ethnic Studies, History, Political Science, Sociology, Sports Studies and Sociology of Culture, and Women's Studies. The current chair hold a 100% appointment in GWS, and all other faculty members hold joint appointments from 25% to 75% with nine different unit including: African American Studies, Asian American Studies, Communication, Education Policy, Organization and Leadership, English, History, Media and Cinema Studies, and Political Science.

With the recent approval of the change from program to departmental status, Gender & Women's Studies is poised to restructure its major and minors and better define its mission in light of faculty additions and promotions. Faculty members have defined signature areas to guide the future growth and direction of the department, and align both developing scholarship with attention to undergraduate education and graduate training. The mission of the department of Gender & Women's Studies is to examine relationships of power, identity and transformation by: 1) reading narratives & representations; 2) questioning institutions & cultures; 3) challenging discrimination and inequity; 4) understanding racialized, sexualized, and queer bodies. This mission encourages students to think broadly about intersections of race, gender and sexuality while challenging discrimination and inequities. The revised minor will not only reflect current scholarship in the field, but also it will meet the students' needs for a more comprehensive program of study.

The current minor was developed at a time when GWS had only 4.0 FTEs, thus the minor needed cross-listed courses taught by GWS affiliates to be viable. With growth in the number of faculty and new courses added to the course catalog, the department is well suited to serve the needs of students who choose the minor.

The revised minor allows students to choose their elective from GWS cross-listed courses; these courses offer a variety of interdisciplinary methods and topics while helping students become proficient in their chosen field of study. Advising within GWS will continue to have a crucial role in guiding students toward clusters of interconnected

classes, so that students may customize the minor to satisfy their interests and needs, and complete the program in a timely fashion. Altogether GWS minor students will receive a more consistent and coherent education without sacrificing interdisciplinary approaches or individual interests.

However, there are two important reasons why we can no longer solely rely on cross-listed courses to fulfill requirements. First of all, we cannot ensure the quality of courses controlled by another unit. Many of the faculty who originally proposed and taught these courses no longer teach on this campus, or no longer teach that particular course. Too often students report that cross-listed courses seem outdated or irrelevant compared to the courses they take from GWS professors, or that the instructor seems uninformed about key issues and questions in feminist and gender studies.

Secondly, we cannot guarantee that cross-listed courses are offered regularly. The unexpected cancellation of needed courses puts GWS in the difficult position of relying on last minute substitutions or independent studies. The revised GWS major and the GWS and LGBT/Queer minors give our department control over the curriculum. We will be able to guarantee that students will have access to the courses they need so that they can graduate on time. We are also committed to continue interdisciplinary cooperation with other units through listing “meets with” courses. We have had great success with this model. For example, from Fall 2007 to the present, Gender and Women’s Studies Faculty and affiliates have taught courses that “meet with” the following units: African Studies, African American Studies, American Indian Studies, Anthropology, Art and Design, Asian American Studies, Communication, English, Educational Policy Studies, History, Latina/Latino Studies, Media and Cinema Studies, and Psychology.

The proposed revision to the minor addresses the need for the department to have control over the courses required in the minor, to better reflect the expertise of the faculty, and to provide consistent training to students. The revisions to the minor represent change at three critical levels: pedagogical approaches, intellectual strands, and renewed management of resources. Our faculty has expanded sufficiently to offer the courses in a regular rotation, which will ease scheduling conflicts, reduce the need for independent studies, and allow students to graduate in a timely fashion. The revised minor reflects an appropriate match of faculty to student need, while still relying upon cross-listed courses offered by affiliates to fulfill elective requirements. In addition, new course offerings at all levels, approved and posted in the course catalog, will deepen and broaden students’ experiences with the minor.

Budgetary and Staff Implications:

- a. Additional staff and dollars needed
None.
- b. Internal reallocations (e.g. change in class size, teaching loads, student-faculty ratio, etc.)

The current 100 and 200-level courses have undergone restructuring in the past three years, so that the reallocations will not significantly affect teaching loads. GWS 100 will be offered once per year instead of twice, and those TAs or graders will be shifted to support GWS 201 & GWS 202, which have been approved for GE credit and submitted to the provost.

- c. Effect on course enrollment in other departments and explanations of discussions with representatives of those departments

These changes should not substantially affect enrollments in other departments.

- d. Impact on library, computer use, laboratory use, equipment, etc.

No significant change beyond the current needs.

Requirements:

Students must complete a total of 18 hours:

Two of the following three Gender & Women's Studies courses, for a total of 6 hours.

- GWS 201 Race, Gender & Power
- GWS 202 Sexualities
- GWS 350 Feminist & Gender Theory

9 hours of additional coursework offered by the GWS department at the 300 and 400 level. For a list of approved courses contact the GWS department office or the GWS advisor

3 hours of electives at any level. For a list of approved courses contact the GWS department office or the GWS advisor.

At least 6 hours of advanced coursework must be distinct from credit earned for the student's major or another minor.

Prerequisites for the minor:

None.

Expected enrollment in the minor:

An estimated 40-50 students are expected to choose the minor once it achieves its full enrollment.

Admission to the minor:

Students self-select the minor based upon interest in the field and completed coursework. At this time, we plan to accommodate those students who seek to fulfill the requirements of the minor without limiting enrollment. There is sufficient flexibility to increase the number of minors without harming the scope and quality of the curriculum.

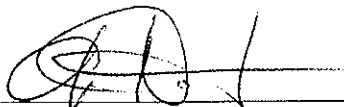
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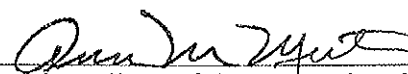
The Department of Gender and Women's Studies must approve a student's minor course plan. Students must register their minor with the Gender and Women's Studies advisor.

Certification of successful completion:

The college of the student will confirm whether the minor has been completed, based on the course work designated by LAS and Gender and Women's Studies.

CLEARANCES

 08/11/10
Head/chair of the sponsoring department or unit:

 11/18/10
Dean of the college of the sponsoring department or unit:

Chair, Senate Educational Policy Committee:

Proposed Effective Date:

August 15, 2011

Statement for the Programs of Study Catalog:

Minor in Gender and Women's Studies

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Hours	Requirements
6	Two of the following three Gender & Women's Studies courses:
	GWS 201 Race, Gender & Power GWS 202 Sexualities GWS 350 Feminist & Gender Theory
9	Additional Coursework¹ At least 9 additional hours of coursework offered by the Gender & Women's Studies Department at the 300 or 400 level. Required courses consist of a selected list of courses offered by the Department of Gender & Women's Studies; they are on an approved list maintained in the department office and with the GWS advisor.
3	3 hours of area electives at any level. For a list of approved courses contact the GWS department office or the GWS advisor.
18	Total hours

1. Topics courses (GWS 395, 495) may count up to 3 hours toward additional coursework with consent of the GWS advisor. GWS 390 or GWS 490 may count up to 3 hours toward additional coursework with consent of the GWS advisor.

At least 6 hours of advanced coursework must be distinct from credit earned for the student's major or another minor.

Appendix A

Additional Coursework (9 hours)

The following lists currently approved courses to fulfill the “Additional Coursework” requirement.

At least 9 additional hours of coursework offered by the Gender & Women’s Studies Department at the 300 or 400 level. Required courses consist of a selected list of courses offered by the Department of Gender & Women’s Studies; they are on an approved list maintained in the department office and with the GWS advisor.

GWS 301	GWS Lab, Studio & Practicum
GWS 325	Lesbian/Queer Media Cultures
GWS 330	Bodies and Technologies in Popular Culture
GWS 333	Writing Lives
GWS 337	Interrogating Masculinities
GWS 355	Beauty & Makeovers
GWS 363	Gender, Health & Popular Culture
GWS 365	Gender, Science and Technology
GWS 370	Queer Theory
GWS 378	Fairy Tales & Gender Formation
GWS 380	Black Women: Histories and Cultures
GWS 382	Black Women & Popular Culture
GWS 385	Transnational Sexualities
GWS 387	History of Sexuality in the U.S.
GWS 390	Individual Study
GWS 395	Intermediate Topics in GWS
GWS 455	Girls and Popular Culture
GWS 459	Postcolonial/Queer
GWS 460	Transnational Feminisms
GWS 462	Hip-Hop Feminism
GWS 467	Locating Queer Culture
GWS 470	Trans Bodies and Politics
GWS 478	Sex, Power and Politics
GWS 485	The Politics of Fashion
GWS 490	Individual Study
GWS 492	Senior Thesis
GWS 495	Advanced Topics in GWS

Appendix B

Area Electives (3 hours)

The following lists current courses that fulfill the “Area Electives” requirement.

3 hours of electives at any level. For a list of approved courses contact the GWS department office or the GWS advisor.

Boldface indicates the controlling unit for cross-listed courses not controlled by GWS.

GWS controlled courses

GWS 100	Intro to Gender & Women’s Studies
GWS 199	Undergraduate Open Seminar
GWS 250	Intro to GWS Humanities
GWS/SOC 255	Queer Lives, Queer Politics
GWS 265	Gender, Place & Space
GWS 295	Beginning Topics in GWS
GWS 301	GWS Lab, Studio & Practicum
GWS 325	Lesbian/Queer Media Cultures
GWS 330	Bodies and Technologies in Popular Culture
GWS 333	Writing Lives
GWS 337	Interrogating Masculinities
GWS 350	Feminist & Gender Theory
GWS 355	Beauty & Makeovers
GWS 363	Gender, Health & Popular Culture
GWS 365	Gender, Science and Technology
GWS 370/SOC 320	Queer Theory
GWS/ENG 378	Fairy Tales & Gender Formation
GWS/AFRO 380	Black Women: Histories and Cultures
GWS 382	Black Women & Popular Culture
GWS/HIST 385	Transnational Sexualities
GWS/ HIST 387	History of Sexuality in the U.S.
GWS 390	Individual Study
GWS 395	Intermediate Topics in GWS
GWS 455	Girls and Popular Culture
GWS 459	Postcolonial/Queer
GWS 460	Transnational Feminisms
GWS 462	Hip-Hop Feminism
GWS 467	Locating Queer Culture
GWS 470	Trans Bodies and Politics
GWS 478/ PS 413	Sex, Power and Politics
GWS/AAS 485	The Politics of Fashion
GWS 490	Individual Study
GWS 492	Senior Thesis
GWS 495	Advanced Topics in GWS

Cross-listed Courses

AFRO/GWS 103	Black Women in the Diaspora
GWS 150	Contemp Women's Issues
AAS/GWS 215	US Citizenship Comparatively
THEA/GWS 218	Intro to Social Issues Theatre
ANTH/GWS 225	Women in Prehistory
AFRO/GWS 226	Black Women Contemp US Society
CLCV/GWS 240	Sex & Gender in Antiquity
HIST/GWS 245	Women & Gender Pre-Mod Europe
ANTH/GWS 258	Sex in Nature and Culture
SOC/GWS 261	Gender Transnational Perspective
ANTH/GWS 262	Women's Lives
HIST/GWS 263	US History of Medicine
GER/GWS 270	Sexuality and Literature
PS/GWS 272	Women and Politics
ENG/GWS 280	Women Writers
ENG/GWS 281	Women in the Lit Imagination
HIST/GWS 285	US Gender History to 1877
HIST/GWS 286	US Gender History Since 1877
HIST/GWS 287	African-American Women
AAS/GWS 315	War, Memory, and Cinema
LLS/GWS 320	Gender & Latina/o Migration
PORT/GWS 334	Brazilian Women's Lit Trans
HDFS/GWS 340	Gender, Relationships & Society
MS/GWS 356	Sex & Gender in Popular Media
ARTH/GWS 360	Women and the Visual Arts
EALC/GWS 361	Women in East Asia
SCAN/GWS 375	Scandinavian Sexualities
AFRO/GWS 383	Hist of Blk Women's Activism
LLS/GWS 392	Chicanas&Latinas: Self&Society
RLST/GWS 403	Women in Muslim Societies
CHLH/GWS 409	Women's Health
AFRO/GWS 415	Africana Feminisms
THEA/GWS 417	Leading Post-Perform Dialog
THEA/GWS 418	Devising Social Issues Theatre
EPSY/GWS 421	Sex Role Theory in Counseling
ARCH/GWS 424	Gender & Race in Contemp Arch
CMN/GWS 432	Gender & Language
LLS/GWS 435	Commodifying Difference
KIN/GWS 442	Body, Culture & Society
LLS 442/GWS 445	US Latina Lit and Iconography
CWL/GWS 450	Topics in Bodies and Genders
LLS/GWS 465	Race, Sex, and Deviance
HIST/GWS 469	Women, Autobiography & History

Appendix C

Gender and Women's Studies Minor "Crosswalk Table"

Current (21 hours)

Proposed (18 hours)

Required Courses (2 courses, 6 hrs)

Choose two:

GWS 100 Intro to GWS
GWS 250 Gender Studies Humanities
GWS 350 Feminist & Gender Theory

Required Courses (2 courses, 6 hrs)

Choose two:

GWS 201 Race, Gender, & Power
GWS 202 Sexualities
GWS 350 Feminist & Gender Theory

Electives (5 courses, 15 hrs)

Select from list maintained by dept.

Includes both dept. controlled and
cross-listed courses

Additional Coursework (3 courses, 9 hrs)

Select from any course controlled by dept.
(list maintained by dept.)

Area Electives (1 course, 3 hrs)

Includes both dept. controlled and
cross-listed courses
(list maintained by dept.)