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Dean Williams:

Recently the Undergraduate Studies Committee revisited the Women's Studies major concentration area requirement. Previously students could only apply designated Women's Studies courses to the 15-credit hour concentration area. The proposed change would allow students to apply the approved-related courses to the 15-credit hour concentration area.

Currently, students may only apply a maximum of 10-credit hours of non-Women's Studies approved-related courses to their major. The proposed change would not alter this maximum course limit.

Please consider approving this change to allow our students a wider variety of coursework and increased flexibility with fulfilling their major requirements. If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill Bystydzienski".

Jill Bystydzienski
Chair

WOMEN'S STUDIES CONCENTRATION AREAS

		Difference & Diversity	Culture & Representation	Political Contexts & Social Change
Women's Studies Courses	215		✓	
	305	✓	✓	✓
	317		✓	
	H322	✓		✓
	325			✓
	326			✓
	340	✓	✓	
	350			✓
	367.01		✓	
	367.02	✓	✓	
	367.03	✓	✓	
	367.04	✓	✓	
	370	✓		
	372		✓	
	375		✓	
	389	✓		✓
	505	✓		✓
	510			✓
	513			✓
	517		✓	
	520	✓		✓
	524			✓
	527		✓	
	540	✓	✓	
	545	✓		
576	✓	✓		
623	✓		✓	
624	✓		✓	
670			✓	
WS TOTAL		15	14	14
Approved-Related Courses	AAAS 230	✓		
	ANTHROP 597.02	✓		✓
	ANTHROP 601.04	✓		✓
	ANTHROP 620.02			✓
	BIOLOGY 597			
	CLASSICS 508	✓		
	COMP STD 515			
	EDU P&L 414			✓
	EDU PAES 610			
	EDU PAES 614			
	ENG 580	✓	✓	
	ENG 592		✓	
	FRENCH 663		✓	
	HEB 374		✓	
	HIST 325			✓
	HIST 523			✓
	HIST 524			✓
	HIST 525			✓
	HIST 526	✓		
	HIST 533.06	✓		
	J COM 662			
	LING 367		✓	
	NELC 345	✓		✓
	NELC 360		✓	
	PHILOS 625		✓	
	POLI SCI 512			✓
	POLI SCI 514			✓
	PSYCH 543	✓		✓
RURAL SOC 678			✓	
SLAVIC H583		✓		
SOC 340	✓		✓	
SOC 435	✓		✓	
SOC 510			✓	
SOC 605	✓		✓	
SOC 608	✓	✓	✓	
		13	9	18
GRAND TOTAL		28	23	32

Women's Studies MAJOR Curriculum

In addition to meeting the General Education Curriculum requirements of all majors in the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences, Women's Studies majors must meet the following requirements:

a minimum of 45 credit hours in approved courses, at least 30 of which must be at the 300 level or above, and 15 of these must be at the 400 level or above

a minimum grade of C- and an average grade of C (2.0 GPA) in all courses used to fulfill the major requirement.

All students must complete an approved major program form signed by the department's academic advisor. Any change must be approved in writing by the advisor.

Prerequisite (5 credit hours)

- 1) WS 101 or WS 110 is prerequisite and does not count towards the 45 hours required.

Four Core Courses (20 credit hours)

- 1) WS 300 Introduction to Feminist Analysis (5 credit hours)
- 2) WS 550 History of Western Feminist Thought (5 credit hours)
- 3) One of the following courses that addresses women of color (5 credit hours) (may not be applied to the concentration requirement):
 - WS 340 Latina Experience in the U.S.
 - WS 372/H372 Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
 - WS 505 Feminist Analysis in Global Perspective
 - WS 520 Women of Color & Social Activism
 - WS 540 Studies in Women of Color Writing Culture
 - WS 576 Women & Visual Cultures of Latin America
 - WS 623 African Women
 - WS 624 Women & Social Change in Latin America.
- 4) Senior Experience: ONE of the following (5 credit hours):
 - WS 575 Issues in Contemporary Feminist Theory
 - WS H783 Honors Thesis

Concentration Area and Electives: (25 credit hours)

Students are required to choose one concentration area (3 courses, 15 credit hours) from the 3 available areas listed below. The remaining courses are electives which can be selected from Women's Studies and/or [approved related courses](#); (2 courses, 10 credit hours).

NOTE that no more than 10 credit hours can be chosen outside of Women's Studies. No more than 10 credit hours of combined special topics (294, 494) and/or individual studies (693) may be used to fulfill major requirements. Of those 10, no more than 5 may be in 693.

Difference and Diversity Concentration. Theoretical and practical issues associated with the concepts of "difference" and "diversity" from many feminist perspectives.

WS 305 Gender, Culture & Power in International Perspective
WS H322 Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration (new for Winter 2010)
WS 340 Latina Experience in the U.S.
WS 367.02 Latina Writers
WS 367.03 Lesbian Writers
WS 367.04 Black Women Writers
WS 370 Varieties of Female Experience: Lesbian Cultures
WS 389 Theory and Practice of Peer Outreach in Women's Studies (See Page 6.)
WS 505 Feminist Analysis in Global Perspective
WS 520 Women of Color and Social Activism
WS 540 Studies in Women of Color Writing Culture
WS 545 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Gender, Class & Sexuality
WS 576 Women & Visual Cultures of Latin America
WS 623 African Women
WS 624 Woman and Social Change in Latin America

Approved related courses (no more than 10 credit hours may count toward major):

AAAS 230 The Black Woman: Her Role in the Liberation Struggle U 5
ANTHROP 597.02 Women, Culture and Development
ANTHROP 601.04 Global Perspectives on Women's Health
CLASSICS 508 Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity
ENG 580 Special Topics in Gay and Lesbian Language and Literature
HIST 526 Historical Perspectives of Sexuality: Same-Sex Sexuality in the Western World
HIST 533.06 Women in Latin America
NELC 345 Women in the Muslim Middle East
PSYCH 543 Psychology of Women
SOC 340 Sex and Love in Modern Society
SOC 435 Sociology of Gender
SOC 605 Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 608 Gender, Race & Class in Mass Communication

Culture and Representation Concentration. Analysis of gender in particular representational forms such as film, narrative, art and media.

WS 215 Reading Women Writers
WS 305 Gender, Culture & Power in International Perspective
WS 317 Women and Film
WS 340 Latina Experience in the U.S.
WS 367.01 U.S. Women Writers
WS 367.02 Latina Writers
WS 367.03 Lesbian Writers
WS 367.04 Black Women Writers
WS 372 Modern Arabic Literature in Translation
WS 375 Women and Visual Culture

WS 517 Women Film Directors
WS 527 Studies in Gender and Cinema
WS 540 Studies in Women of Color Writing Culture
WS 576 Women & Visual Cultures of Latin America

Approved related courses (no more than 10 credit hours may count toward major)

ENG 580 Special Topics in Gay and Lesbian Language and Literature
ENG 592 Special Topics in Women in Literature
FRENCH 663 Women in French Literature
HEB 374 Women in Biblical and Post-Biblical Hebrew Literature
LING 367 Language, Sex, and Gender in American Culture
NELC 360 Scheherazade and Company: Sex, Gender, & Power in Middle Eastern Storytelling
PHILOS 625 Topics in Feminist Theory
SLAVIC H583 Cinderella's Fantasy: Gender and Women in West and East Europe
SOC 608 Gender, Race and Class in Mass Communications

Political Contexts and Social Change Concentration. Explores how political, social and economic factors shape policy and women's lives in local and global contexts.

WS 305 Gender, Culture & Power in International Perspective
WS H322 Natives and Newcomers: U.S. Immigration and Migration (new for Winter 2010)
WS 325 Women's Health Issues
WS 326 Women and Addiction
WS 350 Women and Violence
WS 389 Theory and Practice of Peer Outreach in Women's Studies (See Page 6.)
WS 505 Feminist Analysis in Global Perspective
WS 510 American Women's Movements
WS 513 Women, Government, and Public Policy
WS 520 Women of Color and Social Activism
WS 524 Women and Work
WS 623 African Women
WS 624 Women and Social Change in Latin America
WS 670 Gender Discrimination

Approved related courses (no more than 10 credit hours may count toward major)

ANTHROP 597.02 Women, Culture and Development
ANTHROP 601.04 Global Perspectives on Women's Health
ANTHROP 620.02 The Anthropology of Women
EDU P&L 414 Gender and Education
HIST 325 Introduction to Women's History: The American Experience
HIST 523 Women in the Western World: Ancient Civilization to the Industrial Revolution
HIST 524 Women in the Western World: The Industrial Revolution to the Present
HIST 525 Topics in Women's History
NELC 345 Women in the Muslim Middle East U G 5
POL SCI 512 Women and Politics
POL SCI 514 Women and the Law
PSYCH 543 Psychology of Women
RURAL SOC 678 Women in Rural Society

SOC 340 Sex and Love in Modern Society
SOC 435 Sociology of Gender
SOC 510 Women, Crime and Criminal Justice
SOC 605 Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 608 Gender, Race and Class in Mass Media Communication

Women's Studies HONORS Major Suggested Curriculum

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 - WS 520 Women of Color and Social Activism
 - WS 540 Studies in Women of Color Writing Culture
 - WS 545 Intersections: Approaches to Race, Class and Sexuality
 - WS 560 Chicana Feminism
 - WS 576 Women and Visual Cultures of Latin America
 - WS 623 African Women
 - WS 624 Women and Social Change in Latin America
- 4) Senior Experience: ONE of the following (5 hours):
 - WS 575 Issues in Contemporary Feminist Theory
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Concentration Areas (25 Credit Hours)

Students are required to choose one Primary Concentration area (3 courses, 15 hours) and one Secondary Concentration area (2 courses, 10 hours) from the 3 available areas:

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WS 623 African Women
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Approved related courses (no more than 10 credit hours of these courses may count toward major):

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ANTHROP 601.04 Global Perspectives on Women's Health
CLASSICS 508 Gender and Sexuality in Antiquity
ENG 580 Special Topics in Gay and Lesbian Language and Literature
HIST 526 Historical Perspectives of Sexuality: Same-Sex Sexuality in the Western World
HIST 533.06 Women in Latin America
PSYCH 543 Psychology of Women
SOC 605 Sociology of Sexuality
SOC 608 Gender, Race & Class in Mass Communication

Culture and Representation Concentration. Analysis of gender in particular representational forms such as film, narrative, art and media.

WS 517 Women Film Directors
WS 527 Studies in Gender and Cinema
WS 540 Studies in Women of Color Writing Culture
WS 576 Women and Visual Cultures of Latin America
WS 657 Gender and National Identity in Russian Cinema

Approved related courses (no more than 10 credit hours of these courses may count toward major)

ENG 580 Special Topics in Gay and Lesbian Language and Literature
ENG 592 Special Topics in Women in Literature
PHILOS 625 Topics in Feminist Theory
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WS 513 Women, Government and Public Policy
WS 520 Women of Color and Social Activism
WS 524 Women and Work
WS 623 African Women
WS 624 Women and Social Change in Latin America
WS 670 Gender Discrimination

Approved related courses (no more than 10 credit hours of these courses may count toward major)

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ANTHROP 620.02 The Anthropology of Women
HIST 523 Women in the Western World: Ancient Civilization to the Industrial Revolution
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SOC 608 Gender, Race and Class in Mass Media Communication

Students may petition up to 5 credits of WS 589 (Internship in Feminist Theory and collective action) and 5 credits of WS 693 (Individual Studies) to count toward the major.

From: Lynaya Elliott [mailto:elliott255@humanities.osu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 4:47 PM
To: Jill M. Bystydzienski
Cc: Hallihan, Kathleen
Subject: RE: Women's Studies major revision request

Hi Kate,

Unfortunately, the web site is incorrect. Attached are is the proposed WS Major curriculum with the current approved-related courses listed. The UGS committee revised this list during Winter 2009 and cut several courses and only added the following (per the request of these departments):

SOC 340 Sex and Love in Modern Society U 5

How behavior and meanings relating to sex and love have changed in recent decades, what explains these changes, and consequences of these changes.

COMP STUD 515 Gender, Sexuality, and Religion U 5

Explores intersections of gender, sexuality and religion in comparative and cross-cultural contexts.

Thanks,
Lynaya

From: Jill M. Bystydzienski
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 4:08 PM
To: Lynaya Elliott
Subject: FW: Women's Studies major revision request
Importance: High

Lynaya,

Can you answer this question? I assume that there are no new courses on the list, correct?

Jill

From: Hallihan, Kathleen [mailto:hallihan.3@osu.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 3:52 PM
To: bystydzienski.1@osu.edu
Subject: Women's Studies major revision request
Importance: High

Dear Professor Bystydzienski,

I am writing to get a small clarification on your recent request to Associate Dean Valarie Williams for a modest revision to your major. We are trying to fast-track this request and need just a little more information. I have copied and attached the requirements for your major that are on your web site.

In that description, there is no listing of the “Approved-Related Courses” that are electives for students. They are, however, listed in your proposal. Are there any new courses on that list or are they all currently Approved-Related courses? I ask because if there were any new ones on that list, we would solicit concurrences from the departments involved.

Thank you for your assistance and we hope to get this change approved as quickly as possible.

Best regards,

Kate

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