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Yes, we did anticipate that graduate students might take the Sexuality and Violence course as part of their GIS. I guess if we discover that it's not a good idea to mix grads and undergrads in this class, we can adjust accordingly. But right now, we'd like for both populations to have an opportunity to take this class. In addition, Women's Studies 750: Violence Against Women: Theory and Response provides a related (but not identical, of course) opportunity for grad students if they prefer not to take a class with undergrads or if they want to take a second class in the area of sexuality and violence.

Thanks again for all your help,

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Hi Debra,

Thank you for the e-mail and the revised proposal. I will pass along your answers to the subcommittee. I do believe you have addressed most of the subcommittee's concerns.

Regarding point number one (the course number), right now (under SIS) a course can no longer be both U and G. Course initiators have to choose one or the other when they fill out a course request in ECA. However, the proposed course numbering system for semesters envisages 5000-level courses that would be both U and G. Meanwhile, under quarters, if most of the students who will be taking the Sexuality and Violence class are undergraduates, then the class should be listed as U. Will graduate students be taking the class as part of the GIS in Sexuality Studies? Your answer to this question will enable the subcommittee to make an informed recommendation about the course number.

All the best,
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Dear Bernadette,

Thanks for the summary of the CCIIS feedback. I'll try to address the questions they've asked, but if I've misunderstood anything, please let me know before passing this along.

First, regarding Sexuality Studies 6xx, I'm wondering whether the new Semester system is going to allow us to have courses that are both undergrad and grad? Someone told me that with the course conversion process, we have to choose whether a course will be undergrad or grad, and your email suggests that the committee would prefer (if not mandate) that we offer a course at the undergrad level and another at the grad level (although I'm not familiar with a system that would recommend a grad course at the 500 level; all our grad courses in the Humanities are at the 600-level or above, so I'm not clear on why the committee recommended this).

In any case, we would like to make a Sexuality and Violence course available to both undergrads and grads, so if we can have one course available to both groups, then would it work to change the prereq for Sexuality Studies 6xx to "Junior standing or above (including graduate standing), declared Sexuality Studies Minor or Major, or permission of instructor"? The problem with making the course 200- or 300-level is that Women's Studies 350 is focused on Women and Violence, so there's some overlap there and we were trying to avoid a concurrence problem, and we were also hoping to offer a course that students who took WS 350 could then take as a follow up.

Second, regarding the issues about the Sexuality Studies Major proposal:

The first question seems to be a matter of language, so by all means change CS/PAES 214 to a Core course, and it's fine to consider 214 and one GLBT-focused class as a Core Cluster. That means the Major is 50 hours.

The second question seems easy to fix, but I want to make sure I'm clear. We will state that a student cannot count the same course in two places on the Major program. But a student can take more than one course in GLBT studies, which means that whatever GLBT courses the student doesn't take to meet the core requirement can be taken as part of the Focus Area and/or Electives. Right?

I'm not completely sure I understand the third issue. First, the 5 hours that is listed next to

Sexuality Studies 6xx on p. 10 of the proposal refers to how many credit hours the course carries, not how many it might add up to if the student repeats it. So that doesn't seem like a discrepancy, but maybe I'm not understanding the question. Second, if a student did repeat the course up to 15 hours, then I assume it would become the student's focus area. But we can make that clearer by saying exactly that. Will that fix things?

I've made the above changes with the tracking option on the attached (although I fixed the Women's Studies 282 issue before turning on the tracking system). Please let me know if what I've done addresses the committee's concerns/recommendations.

Thanks for your help. I'm talking to Kate about assessment on Monday.

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Dear Debra,

The CCI Interdisciplinary Initiatives Subcommittee continued reviewing the proposal for the Sexuality Studies Major, including SS 6xx: Special Topics in Sexuality and Violence, at its meeting on April 2 and has several questions:

A. 6xx: Special Topics in Sexuality and Violence

- In an e-mail that you sent me on March 19, you suggested that a possible **prereq** for SS 6xx would be: "sophomore standing, declared Sexuality Studies Minor or Major, or permission of instructor."

The subcommittee was wondering if GIS students will be taking this class. If so, the subcommittee recommends listing the course at two levels: **500** level for graduate students and **200 or 300** level for undergraduates (sophomores). If there won't be GIS students, the subcommittee recommends listing it only as a 200- or 300-level course. (Indeed, the subcommittee thinks that the 600 level is too high. For example, in Sociology, 600-level courses have either specific course requirements or junior level or above.)

B. Sexuality Studies Major

- Kate Hallihan will contact you about working on the **assessment plan**.
- Requirements (pp. 10-11):
 1. **Comp Studies/PAES 214:** should be core course, not pre-req; otherwise, hours do not

add up to 50 cr. for completion of major. Subcommittee recommends having a CORE category worth 10 hours: the 214 class and one GLBT class. If Comp Studies/PAES 214 needs to be a pre-req, the major should be listed as 45 hrs.

2. **The courses in the GLBT** category are also in the list of electives. Those courses can probably not double-count. Proposal needs to specify that.
3. The rationale for **SS 6xx** says that the course is repeatable up to 15 hours (see document attached—bottom of p. 1). Would all 15 hours count for the major? That would be almost like a second focus area. This sounds a bit much: that is, 15 hours out of the required 25 electives hours for the major seems high. Perhaps this should be limited to 10 hours that could count within the major. Perhaps the maximum number of hours is only 5 (as p. 10 seems to indicate). **Clarify this: there is a possible discrepancy between p. 10 and course rationale.**

Also, you probably know that Women's Studies 380 (mentioned on pp. 10-11) was recently approved with a revised number: 282, to match the number of the English class with which it will be cross listed.

Could you please address the points above and, where applicable, make the necessary changes in the major proposal and/or the course proposal for the Special Topics class? Please send all answers and revisions directly to me.

Don't hesitate to e-mail or call should you have any questions regarding the subcommittee's feedback.

Best,

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