

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
#9 Meeting ADDENDUM – October 31, 2018
Approved Attachments

Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Other Catalog Change

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College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

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Contract Major

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Requirements for the B.G.S. Degree

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Major in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (B.A. or B.S.)

Coordinator: Kristen Myers, Director, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

The Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality offers a broad array of courses regularly taught by joint appointment faculty, Graduate Assistants, and staff. The Center offers undergraduate programs, including a certificate and a minor in Women's and Gender Studies and a certificate and a minor in LGBTQ+ Studies. Students may double-minor in both WGST and LGBTQ+ Studies. Grounded in social movements and reaching toward more just and equitable futures, the field of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies empowers students to become deeply informed agents of personal and collective transformation.

Requirements in center (19)

#WGSS 101 - Introduction to Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies (3)

#WGSS 201 - Global Gender Issues (3)

^WGSS 300 - Research Methods in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (4)

*#WGSS 350 - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies (3)

*WGSS 432 - Feminist and Queer Theories (3)

WGSS 499 - WGSS Capstone (3)

Electives (15)

Students must select 15 credit hours from the following:

ANTH 361 - Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Women (3)

^ANTH 422 - Gender in Southeast Asia (3)

^ANTH 441 - Sex and Gender in Primates (3)

ANTH 468 - Anthropology of Gender (3)

*#BIOS 324X - Women in Science (3)

OR *#GEOG 324X - Women in Science (3)

OR *#WGSS 324 - Women in Science (3)

BKST 402 - The Africana Woman (3)

*#COMS 410 - Communication and Gender (3)

^#ENGL 381 - American Ethnic Literature (3)

^#ENGL 382 - Women Writers: The Tradition in English (3)

^ENGL 383 - Gay and Lesbian Literature (3)

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#ENGL 434X - Language and Gender (3)
OR #WGSS 434 - Language and Gender (3)
^FLFR 445 - Feminism in France (3)
FLSP 380 - Gender and Hispanic Business Practices (3)
^FLSP 439 - Women Authors in Hispanic Literature (3)
^FLSP 445 - Latin American Women Writers (3)
#FSMD 464 - Social Psychology of Dress and Appearance (3)
#HDFS 384 - Asian American Families (3)
#HIST 322 - Women in Modern Europe (3)
#HIST 346 - Women in Asian History (3)
^#HIST 353 - Women in African History (3)
#HIST 367 - U.S. LGBT History (3)
*#HIST 369 - Women in United States History (3)
#HIST 402 - Gender and Sexuality in History (3)
^#HIST 407 - Medieval Women (3)
MGMT 498 - Equal Opportunity and Employment (3)
^*NUTR 406 - Global Food and Nutrition Issues (3)
#PHIL 355 - Feminism and Philosophy (3)
#POLS 373 - Women and Politics (3)
POLS 411 - Constitutional Law II (3)
PSYC 424 - Adolescent Development (3)
PSYC 474 - Psychological Basis of Sexuality (3)
*SCL 100 - Foundation of Social Change Leadership (3)
SCL 200 - Application of Social Change Leadership (3)
*SOCI 354 - Families and Social Change (3)
SOCI 356 - Health, Aging, and Society (3)
SOCI 357 - The Sociology of Gender (3)
^SOCI 450 - Social Inequality (3)
^SOCI 487 - Gender and Crime (3)
*#WGSS 202 - Women and Cultural Expression (3)
WGSS 240 - Issues in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (3)
#WGSS 332 - Growing Up Girl (3)
WGSS 390 - Internship in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (1-3)
WGSS 424 - Topics in Gender and STEM (3)
WGSS 430 - Special Topics in Women's and Gender Studies (3)
#WGSS 435 - Gender and the Environment (3)
WGSS 436 - Current Debates Seminar: Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (3)
WGSS 439 - Independent Study in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (3)
#WGSS 450 - Transgender Studies (3)

Requirements outside Department (B.A., 0-12; B.S., 10-15)

For the B.A. degree

Fulfillment of B.A. foreign language requirement (0-12)

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(See “Foreign Language Requirement for the B.A. Degree”)

For the B.S. degree

Mathematics/laboratory science sequence (10-15)

(See “College Requirement for the B.S. Degree”)

Total Hours for Major in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies 34-46 (B.A.) OR 44-49 (B.S.)

Dean’s List Criteria



Rationale: The Center for the Study of Women, Gender, & Sexuality is poised and ready to offer this new major. The CSWGS already offers a broad array of courses regularly taught by joint appointment faculty, Graduate Assistants, and staff. The Center offers rigorous and relevant undergraduate programs, including a certificate and a minor in Women’s and Gender Studies (WGST) and a certificate and a minor in LGBTQ+ Studies. Students are so eager to pursue these courses that many double-minor in both WGST and LGBTQ+ Studies, and a small number go through the laborious process of designing a contract major [Note: contract majors can only count 24 hours of WGSS courses. This hurts students who take more than that. A major would allow them to get credit for all of their hours in WGSS]. For students, a WGSS major would stand effectively on its own or pair in exciting ways with another major or minor in another discipline. The WGSS major would encompass our entire curriculum, bringing us up to date with a vibrant, multifaceted, and inherently interdisciplinary field of study that speaks to contemporary societies in ways that are especially evident in the present moment. Students are eager not only to understand and to interrogate social, cultural, and political realities, but also to create change. Grounded in social movements and reaching toward more just and equitable futures, the field of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies empowers students to become deeply informed agents of personal and collective transformation.

Further rationale and program specifics are included in the program proposal which can be provided if requested.

Impact Statement: All the outside departments have been consulted regarding the addition of their courses to the list of electives. None of the departments identified any negative impact on course availability or enrollment with these changes.