

CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Women's and Gender Studies Online Minor

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Women's and Gender Studies

DEPARTMENT CHAIR

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.


Signature

11-26-18
Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

Undergraduate Curriculum Change Memo

Date: November 26, 2018

From: Guillermina Gina Núñez-Mchiri, Women's & Gender Studies Program

Through: Guillermina Gina Núñez-Mchiri

Through: College Dean, Dr. Dennis O'Hearn

To: Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Subject: Addition of Women's & Gender Studies (WGS) Online Minor

The Women's & Gender Studies Program currently offers a major and a minor. We currently serve a variety of majors and students interested in our courses to fulfill their block elective requirements. Our online course offerings typically fill to capacity, which indicates the high student demand. We are now pursuing the addition of an online minor to provide UTEP students with the opportunity to select the online track as an option for completing the WGS minor. Adding the online WGS minor will increase our efforts to recruit and serve our students. This online minor will also allow us to expand the growth of the WGS Program and will help increase overall UTEP enrollment. We currently offer a variety of online classes on a semester by semester basis and anticipate providing at least four online courses per semester to provide students with options. Adding the WGS online minor will continue to diversify our course offerings to help students achieve their graduation goals. The Program also seeks to remain competitive with other national WGS programs offering online minors. This online minor in WGS allows us to continue serving a diverse student body primarily by serving a target student population with work and family obligations in need of flexible course options.

Minor in Women's Studies

Requirements for the Online Minor in Women's and Gender Studies (WGS)- Students are required to take 18 credit hours of courses online, including one lower division course (WS 2300 or WS 2350) and five upper division courses in the degree plan and should maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. Other courses with a related to women or gender related topics currently taught in other UEP academic programs or departments will be considered for the online minor and would need the WGS director's approval.

Degree Plan

Online minor in Women's Studies

Required Courses	
Select one of the courses below:	
WS 2300	Introduction to Women's Studies-
WS 2350	Global Feminism
Select five courses from the list below:	
WS 3301	La Chicana
WS 3305	Chicana/o ID Formation
WS 3321	Family Violence
WS 3331	Gender & Popular Culture
WS 3340	Women, the Body & the Machine
WS 3351	Gender & Religion
WS 3360	Women in Literature
WS 3372	Women & Work in the Sex Industry
WS 3373	Plagues, Pandemics, & Power
WS 3374	Mental Illness at the Margins
WS 3375	Women's Health
WS 3383	Gender Issues in Humanities
WS 3384	Gender Issues in Social Scincs
WS 3390	Women's Studies: Special Topics
WS 3393	Feminism of 1960's & 1970's

Catalog Copy for Minors

Program Name- Online Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

Program Description- Describe the program and the educational objectives

This online minor provides online courses currently available for students interested in enrolling in the Women's and Gender Studies major, minor, and block electives. The online minor includes two lower division courses: WS 2300 Introduction to Women's and WS 2350 Gender Studies and Global Feminisms and at least five upper division courses that are taught every semester or at least once a year.

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