CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Change WS 3375 Women's Health to block elective

College: Liberal Arts **Department: Sociology & Anthropology**
Program: Women's Studies

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Dr. Jeremy Slack
PROGRAM CHAIR- Dr. Ophra Leyser-Whalen

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

Jeremy Slack — 10/06/2026

Signature **Date**

Ophra Leyser-Whalen — October 6, 2026

Signature **Date**

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez

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

Signature **Date**

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

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.

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Signature **Date**

CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: **October 1, 2026**

From: **Dr. Ophra Leyser-Whalen, Women's and Gender Studies**

Through: **Dr. Jeremy Slack, Sociology & Anthropology** JMS

Through: **Dr. Anadeli Bencomo, Dean of Liberal Arts**

To: **Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez, Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

Updates: Block Electives

Course name and number
WS 3375 Women's Health

Course category
☐ Fine and Performing Arts
☐ Humanities
☒ Social and Behavioral Sciences

Action Needed
☒ Add course to Block Electives
☐ Remove course from Block Electives

Proposed Effective Date
Spring 2027

Rationale
WS 3375 is offered every semester, usually more than one section, and these courses always fill. UTEP Online offers several degree programs, some of which require students to complete block electives. UTEP Online expressed interest in having WS 3375 count as a block elective so that students in those programs may enroll in the online section of the course. WS 3375 does not have a prerequisite that would hinder this. This designation could also help increase enrollment in the course and contribute to our department's overall enrollment.