

Program Proposal Form (Revised 03/13/08)
(Majors, Minors or Program)
Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

This is a New Proposal _____ This is a change in an existing program, major or minor X

1. Department: Women's Studies Program--Interdisciplinary

2. Major _____ Minor Program _____

3. Title of major, minor or program: Women's Studies Minor

If this is a new program, major or minor, skip to #5.

4. If a change in an existing program, major or minor, please list below the current program, major or minor and then list the new program, major or minor:

Current Program, Major or Minor:

Required Course (6):

- WmSt 202 Introduction to Women's Studies (3)
- WmSt 360 Senior Project in Women's Studies (3)

Four of the following (12):

- Psyc 220 Psychology of Women (3)
- Comm 275 Gender, Race, Class and Media (3)
- Hist 222 American Women's History (3)
- Rel 225 Women and Religion in Am. Culture (3)
- Rel 260 Feminist Interpretation of the Bible
- Eng 234 Women's Literature, Women's Lives (3)
- Eng 370 Twentieth-Century African American Women Writers (3)
- Phil 211 Feminist Ethics (3)
- Phil 311 Feminist Philosophy (3)
- Soc 311 Women: The Struggle for Equality (3)
- SRC 399WS Women in Society (3)
- Thtr/Eng 235 Women and Theatre (3)

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5. Description of major/minor/program proposed:

The proposed change is to remove WmSt 360, Senior Project, to an option within the elective offerings. The only course required for the major would then be WmSt 202, Introduction to Women's Studies. *(See Attached Addendum)*

6. How does this program proposal impact your department's teaching load?

The course has always been taught as a directed study so it will not impact anyone's load.

7. What is the rationale for either the addition of or the change of this program, major or minor? (e.g.: how will this program meet the objectives of your department? how will this program meet the mission of your department?)

Previous senior projects have been inconsistent and often lack a depth of

investigation and reflection that is expected of a senior project. If we remove the senior project as a requirement then students would take five additional elective courses for the minor rather than the current four. Students could still elect to do a senior project as an internship, research or creative project.

The senior project has often been a concern for students when they are considering the minor. It could simply be that at this point in time we are expecting too much of someone who is completing the minor.

8. Will this new/changed major/minor/program require the addition of new courses?
 Yes X No

(If yes, please use separate New Course Proposal Form for each new course and include with this proposal.)

9. What affect will this new/changed major/minor/program have on other programs and departments? None.

10. If this is a new program, how will you assess the effectiveness of this program to carry out the mission of your department in meeting its objectives?

Proposed BY:

James R. Nostrala
Signature of Department Chair or
Program Director

5 Dec. 2008
Date

REVIEWED BY:

Steve [Signature]
Signature of Academic Dean

12-08-08
Date

Comments:

Signature of Division Chair

Date

Comments:

Signature of Education Chair**

Date

Comments:

Additional Reviewers

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Date

**if applicable

Addendum

Women's Studies Minor change

Required Course (3)

- WmSt 202 Introduction to Women's Studies (3)

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- WmSt 360 Senior Project in Women's Studies (3)

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