

DOCUMENTS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY

**REQUEST TO ADD A TRANSCRIPT-RECOGNIZED WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES MINOR
IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS CHAPTER IN THE *UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG, 2016-
2018***

Dean Randy L. Diehl, in the College of Liberal Arts has filed with the secretary of the Faculty Council the following addition to the *Undergraduate Catalog, 2016-2018*. On May 13, 2015, Senior Associate Dean Richard Flores approved the new minor. The secretary has classified this proposal as legislation of *exclusive* interest to only one college or school.

The Committee on Undergraduate Degree Program Review recommended approval of the minor on December 2, 2015, and forwarded the proposal to the Office of the General Faculty. The Faculty Council has the authority to approve this legislation on behalf of the General Faculty. The authority to grant final approval on this legislation resides with UT System.

If no objection is filed with the Office of the General Faculty by the date specified below, the legislation will be held to have been approved by the Faculty Council. If an objection is filed within the prescribed period, the legislation will be presented to the Faculty Council at its next meeting. The objection, with reasons, must be signed by a member of the Faculty Council.

To be counted, a protest must be received in the Office of the General Faculty by January 20, 2016.



Hillary Hart, Secretary
General Faculty and Faculty Council

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1. **Type of Proposal** New Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Change an Existing Transcript-Recognized Minor
 Delete a Transcript-Recognized Minor

2. **Official Name:** Women's and Gender Studies Transcript-Recognized Minor

3. **Proposed Implementation Date:** Fall 2016

4. **Field of Study, CIP Code** (administrative unit awarding the certificate):

24.0199	Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities, Other.
05.0299	Ethnic, Cultural Minority, Gender, and Group Studies, Other. (05.0299) <i>Illustrative Examples:</i> Women's, Gay and Lesbian Studies, Integrated

5. **Statement of Objective:** Liberal Arts; Degrees and Programs; Transcript-Recognized Minors
The mission of the Center for Women's & Gender Studies is to create committed communities that address the challenges faced in the areas of gender, sexuality, diversity, and equity. We recognize that ending gender discrimination requires ending the related discriminations against disability, ethnicity, gender identity, race, sexuality, and socioeconomic class. We foster communities of scholars, teachers and advocates inside and outside The University of Texas at Austin through:
- Interdisciplinary research
 - Undergraduate and graduate teaching
 - Social advocacy
 - Community partnerships

Established in 1979 by faculty B.J. Fernea and Betty Sue Flowers, the Center for Women's & Gender Studies (CWGS) faculty affiliates are drawn from the university's 18 colleges and schools. Particular strengths of the faculty include African-American studies, cultural studies, diaspora studies, feminist theories, health and social welfare, international and post-colonial feminisms, media studies, performance studies, popular culture, LGBTQ/Sexualities Studies and public policy.

The Center for Women's & Gender Studies offers a unique interdisciplinary program in Women's and Gender Studies that includes an undergraduate Bachelor of Arts and several graduate degree options. The Transcript-Recognized Minor will allow students in other majors at the University of Texas at Austin to formally participate in our academic programs and receive official recognition.

6. **Admissions requirement (if any):** Students must be in good standing at the University of Texas at Austin, fill out the online application with the Center for Women's & Gender Studies, join the WGS Undergraduate or WGS Minor email list serve, and maintain regular contact with the Center for Women's & Gender Studies Undergraduate Academic Advisor.
7. **Number of Students Expected to Receive the Transcript-Recognized Minor Each Semester:** Fifteen
8. **Anticipated Enrollment Capacity?** Sixty-five

9. **Number of Hours Required for Completion:** Fifteen

10. **Composition of the Minor Faculty Committee (including the committee chair):**

Name of Faculty Member	College/Department	Title at UT Austin	Highest Degree and Awarding Institution
Gonzalez-Lopez, Gloria	Liberal Arts/Sociology	Associate Professor*	PhD, University of Southern California
Heinzelman, Susan Sage	Liberal Arts/English	Associate Professor*	PhD, University of Western Ontario
Minich, Julie	Liberal Arts/Mexican American and Latino Studies	Assistant Professor*	PhD, Stanford
Livermon, Xavier	Liberal Arts/African and African Diaspora Studies	Assistant Professor*	PhD, University of California, Berkley
Richardson, Matt	Liberal Arts/English, African and African Diaspora Studies	Associate Professor*	PhD, University of California, Berkley
Rudrappa, Sharmila	Liberal Arts/Sociology, Asian American Studies	Associate Professor*	PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Tenured or Tenure-Track

Dr. Susan Sage Heinzelman will serve as the program chair for the Women's & Gender Studies Transcript-Recognized Minor.

11. **Academic Course Requirements:** Use this table to identify the courses that qualify for this minor program.

Course Abbreviation and Number	Course Title	SCH
WGS 301	Introductory Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. <i>[including all unnumbered and numbered topics]</i>	3
WGS 303	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies	3
WGS 305	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	3
WGS 313	Child Development.	3
WGS 322	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the Social Sciences. <i>[including all unnumbered and numbered topics]</i>	3
WGS 323	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in the Natural Sciences. <i>[including all unnumbered and numbered topics]</i>	3

WGS 324	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies in Communication. <i>[including all unnumbered and numbered topics]</i>	3
WGS 335	Topics in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Studies. <i>[including all unnumbered and numbered topics]</i>	3
WGS 340	Cross-Cultural Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. <i>[including all unnumbered and numbered topics]</i>	3
WGS 441	The Roots of Social and Economic Justice.	4
WGS 345	Topics in Women's and Gender Studies. <i>[including all unnumbered and numbered topics]</i>	3
WGS 350	Feminist Theory	3
WGS 356	Introduction to Feminist Research Methods.	3
WGS 358Q	Supervised Research	3
WGS 360	Research and Thesis in Women's and Gender Studies	3
WGS 446	Guidance in Adult-Child Relationships	4
WGS 379L	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies.	3
WGS 379S	Senior Seminar	3

12. Other Minor Requirements:

Students must be registered with the Center for Women's & Gender Studies, join the WGS Undergraduate or WGS Minor email list serve, and maintain regular contact with the Center for Women's & Gender Studies Undergraduate Academic Advisor.

13. College/School Approval Process:

Approver: Richard Flores Date: May 13, 2015
Title: Senior Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts

PROPOSED NEW CATALOG TEXT:

Women's and Gender Studies Transcript-Recognized Minor

1. Women's and Gender Studies 301, 303, or 305
2. Women's and Gender Studies 340
3. Women's and Gender Studies 340, a different topic from that counted for #2, above, or other upper-division course in Women's and Gender Studies
4. Women's and Gender Studies 350 or other upper-division course in Women's and Gender Studies
5. Three additional hours of Women's and Gender Studies