February 29, 2008

To: Committee on Educational Programs

From: Monica Casper, Director, WGS

Re: Changes to Major/Minor Requirements

As part of our efforts to restructure the Women’s and Gender Studies Program, including the elimination of the Senior Thesis, we propose the following changes to the Major and Minor:

**WGS Major**
- 33 hours total
- WGS-150: Sex and Gender in Everyday Life
- WGS-201: Women and Gender in Transnational Context
- WGS-205: U.S. Feminisms
- WGS-291: Senior Seminar
- 21 elective hours

**WGS Minor**
- 18 hours total
- WGS-150: Sex and Gender in Everyday Life
- WGS-201: Women and Gender in Transnational Context
- WGS-205: U.S. Feminisms
- WGS-291: Senior Seminar
- Six elective hours

We believe these changes will increase interest in the WGS Major and Minor, and will also help to create a community of students by channeling both majors and minors into the same required courses. The changes will also help us to better staff courses and plan our schedule.

Please let me know if you need additional information. Thank you.
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Program of Concentration in Women’s and Gender Studies

The interdisciplinary major in Women’s and Gender Studies consists of 33 hours of course work, distributed as follows:

1. Introduction to Sex and Gender in Everyday Life. Women’s and Gender Studies 150. (3)
2. Gender in a Global Context. Women’s and Gender Studies 201. (3)
3. Feminist Theories/Theorizing Gender. Women’s and Gender Studies 210. (3)
4. Feminist Research Skills. Women’s and Gender Studies 292 (to be taken in or before spring semester of the student’s third year). (3)
5. Senior Project Preparation. Women’s and Gender Studies 291 (to be taken in fall semester of the student’s final year) and Women’s and Gender Studies 289 (to be taken in spring semester of the student’s final year under supervision of the thesis advisor). (6)
6. Fifteen hours of electives, selected from Women’s and Gender Studies Program courses, any courses dual-listed in Women’s and Gender Studies, or any other course that meets the approval of the director, not used to satisfy the above requirements. These elective courses may include up to 6 credit hours for internship training, research, and readings (Women’s and Gender Studies 288a-c).

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1. Sex and Gender in Everyday Life. Women’s and Gender Studies 150. (3)
2. Women and Gender in Transnational Context. Women’s and Gender Studies 201. (3)
3. U.S. Feminisms. Women’s and Gender Studies 205. (3)
4. Senior Seminar. Women’s and Gender Studies 291, to be taken in fall semester of the student’s final year. (3)
5. 21 hours of electives, selected from Women’s and Gender Studies Program courses, any courses dual-listed in Women’s and Gender Studies, or any other course that meets the approval of the director, not used to satisfy the above requirements. These elective courses may include up to 6 credit hours for internship training, independent research, and readings (Women’s and Gender Studies 288a-c).
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Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies

The minor in Women’s and Gender Studies consists of 18 hours of course work, distributed as follows:

Core requirements

1. Women’s and Gender Studies 150.
2. Women’s and Gender Studies 201.
3. Women’s and Gender Studies 210.
4. At least 9 hours of courses selected from Women’s and Gender Studies Program courses, any courses dual-listed in Women’s and Gender Studies, or any other course that meets the approval of the director, not used to satisfy the above requirements.

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Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies

The minor in Women’s and Gender Studies consists of 18 hours of course work, distributed as follows:

Core requirements

1. Sex and Gender in Everyday Life. Women’s and Gender Studies 150. (3)
2. Women and Gender in Transnational Context. Women’s and Gender Studies 201. (3)
3. U.S. Feminisms. Women’s and Gender Studies 205. (3)
4. Senior Seminar. Women’s and Gender Studies 291, to be taken in fall semester of the student’s final year. (3)
5. At least 6 hours of courses selected from Women’s and Gender Studies Program courses, any courses dual-listed in Women’s and Gender Studies, or any other course that meets the approval of the director, not used to satisfy the above requirements.