

UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE FORMS

Academic Program Approval

This form is a routing document for the approval of new and revised academic programs. Proposing department should complete this form. For more information, call the Faculty Senate Office at 831-2921.

Submitted by: _____ Claire Rasmussen _____ phone number ____ X1936

Department: Political Science and International Relations email address cerasmus@udel.edu

Date: 9/20/2012

Action: Revise minor requirements for the Sexualities and Gender Studies Minor

(Example: add major/minor/concentration, delete major/minor/concentration, revise major/minor/concentration, academic unit name change, request for permanent status, policy change, etc.)

Effective term _____ 13F _____
(use format 04F, 05W)

Current degree _____ N/A _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed change leads to the degree of: _____
(Example: BA, BACH, BACJ, HBA, EDD, MA, MBA, etc.)

Proposed name: _____
Proposed new name for revised or new major / minor / concentration / academic unit
(if applicable)

Revising or Deleting:

Undergraduate major / Concentration: _____
(Example: Applied Music – Instrumental degree BMAS)

Undergraduate minor: _____
(Example: African Studies, Business Administration, English, Leadership, etc.)

Graduate Program Policy statement change: _____
(Must attach your Graduate Program Policy Statement)

Graduate Program of Study: _____
(Example: Animal Science: MS Animal Science: PHD Economics: MA Economics: PHD)

Graduate minor / concentration: _____

Note: all graduate studies proposals must include an electronic copy of the Graduate Program Policy Document, highlighting the changes made to the original policy document.

List new courses required for the new or revised curriculum. How do they support the overall program objectives of the major/minor/concentrations)?

(Be aware that approval of the curriculum is dependent upon these courses successfully passing through

the Course Challenge list. If there are no new courses enter "None")

SGST/WOMS308: Theories of Sexuality and Gender: This course examines the major theoretical approaches to the study of sexuality and gender with an emphasis on queer theory and intersections between sexuality, gender, race, class, and nationality.

Explain, when appropriate, how this new/revised curriculum supports the 10 goals of undergraduate education: <http://www.ugs.udel.edu/gened/>

The addition of a Theories of Sexuality and Gender Studies course will fulfill the following goals of undergraduate education: 1. The course will include written and oral communication including class discussion and presentations and written assignments. 2. Students will understand queer theory as a body of literature that provides tools for critical thinking and analysis by looking at the ways queer theory engages with more mainstream literature in other disciplines. Through readings, discussion, and writing assignments students will learn to apply the critical tools of queer theory to think about contemporary politics and society. 3. Assignments in the course will include individual and collaborative efforts. 4. The course will encourage students to think critically about different ways of thinking about sexuality and the political, moral, and ethical implications of each. 5. This course will examine how queer theory has engaged with and criticized bodies of knowledge from a variety of disciplines including the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences. Students will be encouraged to think about how different disciplinary frameworks examine questions of sexuality and will engage with questions about the consequences of these different approaches. 6. Students will have the opportunity to read and discuss challenging texts that will require them to develop and utilize critical thinking and communication skills. 7. Students will be exposed to a new body of literature and a variety of ideas about sexuality that will enable them to think critically about social and cultural understandings of sexuality. These tools will be applicable beyond the classroom to their daily lives in images of sex and sexuality in the media, discussions of sex and sexuality in politics, and in personal choices about sex. 8. Students will be exposed to a new and diverse body of literature (queer theory). 9. Students will examine questions of cultural diversity around issues of sexuality in the United States and globally looking at variations in the understanding of and study of sexuality across time and across cultures. 10. Readings and discussions will include global perspectives on sexuality.

Identify other units affected by the proposed changes:

(Attach permission from the affected units. If no other unit is affected, enter "None")

Department of Women and Gender Studies.

Describe the rationale for the proposed program change(s):

(Explain your reasons for creating, revising, or deleting the curriculum or program.)

WOMS is removing PHIL/WOMS215 from their curriculum and developing a Feminist Theory and Methodology course designed for their majors. We are proposing to add a Theories of Sexuality and Gender Studies course in order to introduce our minors to the theoretical foundations of the study of sexuality and gender, tailored to the specific needs of our students. PHIL327/WOMS277/BAMS327 Race, Gender, Science is infrequently offered so we are changing it to an elective course rather than an option to fulfill the required courses.

Program Requirements:

(Show the new or revised curriculum as it should appear in the Course Catalog. If this is a revision, be sure to indicate the changes being made to the current curriculum and **include a side-by-side comparison** of the credit distribution before and after the proposed change.)

OLD REQUIREMENTS:

Required Courses 9 credits

SGST 200/WOMS 200 Cultural Introduction to Sexualities and Gender Studies

BISC 152 Biology of Human Sexuality

or

IFST 401/WOMS 401/ HESC 401 Foundations of Human Sexuality

or

PSYC 336 Psychology of Human Sexuality

PHIL/206/WOMS 216 Introduction to Feminist Theory

or

PHIL327/WOMS327/ BAMS327 Race, Gender, Science

Elective Courses 9 credits

ANTH 305/WOMS 305 The Evolution of Human Sex Roles and Reproduction

ENGL 214 Literature and Gender/Sexuality

ENGL 380/WOMS 380 Women Writers (when offered as Virginia Woolf and Lesbian Writing)

ENGL 480 Seminar (when offered as Sexuality and Identity in the Age of Enlightenment)

FLLT 330/WOMS 330 Varying Authors, Themes and Movements

HIST 387/SGST 387/WOMS 387 History of Sexuality in the US

HDFS 338 Sexuality in Contemporary Society

POSC 401 Topics in Constitutional Law (when offered as Law and Sexuality)

SGST 208/WOMS 208 Current Issues in Sexuality and Gender

SGST 301/WOMS 301 Gay and Lesbian Film

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ROUTING AND AUTHORIZATION: (Please do not remove supporting documentation.)

Department Chairperson Mouko Shef. Date 9-21-2012
Dean of College JM Pika Date 10-21-12
Chairperson, College Curriculum Committee _____ Date _____
Chairperson, Senate Com. on UG or GR Studies _____ Date _____
Chairperson, Senate Coordinating Com. _____ Date _____
Secretary, Faculty Senate _____ Date _____
Date of Senate Resolution _____ Date to be Effective _____
Registrar _____ Program Code _____ Date _____
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs & International Programs _____ Date _____
Provost _____ Date _____
Board of Trustee Notification _____ Date _____

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September 19, 2012

This is to verify that I support the revised minor requirements for the Sexualities and Gender Studies Minor.

Monika Shafi

Monika Shafi
Elias Ahuja Professor of German
Chair of the Department of Women and Gender Studies

9 October 2012

Enclosed please find an Academic Program Approval form awaiting the signature of the Dean before being forwarded to the College Curriculum Committee. The changes involve a revision in the required courses for the Sexuality and Gender Studies Minor. Included is a letter from the Chair of Women and Gender Studies to indicate her support for the proposed revision.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claire E. Rasmussen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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