



UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 26, 2006

Mark A. Emmert, President

Dean David C. Hodge
College of Arts and Sciences
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Dear David:

Based upon the recommendation of its Subcommittee on Admissions and Programs, the Faculty Council on Academic Standards has recommended approval of the revised requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in Women Studies. A copy of the proposal is attached.

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Women Studies is authorized to specify these changes beginning autumn quarter 2006.

The new requirements should be incorporated in printed statements and in individual department websites as soon as possible. The *General Catalog* website will be updated accordingly by the Registrar's Office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark".

Mark A. Emmert
President

Enclosure

cc: Carol Langdon (with enclosure)
Mr. Robert Corbett (with enclosure)
Dr. Deborah H. Wiegand (with enclosure)
Todd Milton, J.D. (with enclosure WOMEN-20060120A)



Creating & Changing Undergraduate Academic Programs*

After college/school review, send signed original and 8 copies to: FCAS, Box 351271

College: Arts & Science Department or Unit: Women Studies Date: 1/20/2006

New Programs

- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ in _____ degree
- Leading to a Bachelor of _____ degree with a major in _____
- Leading to a _____ Option within the existing major in _____
- Leading to a Minor in _____

Changes to existing programs

- New Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Admission Requirements for the Major in _____ within the Bachelor of _____
- Revised Program Requirements for the Major in Women Studies within the Bachelor of Arts
- Revised Requirements for the Option in _____ within the major in _____
- Revised Requirements for the Minor in _____

Other Changes

- Change name of program from _____ to _____
- New or Revised Continuation Policy for _____
- Eliminate program in _____

Proposed Effective Date: (quarter/year) _____ Autumn 2006 _____

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1. **Explanation of and Rationale for Proposed Change:** (Please use additional pages if necessary. For new programs, please include any relevant supporting documentation such as student learning outcomes, projected enrollments, letters of support, and departmental handouts.)

The proposed changes are part of the department's decision to eliminate the tracks and the three-quarter long senior thesis requirement. The purpose of the tracks, when instituted nearly thirty years ago, was to provide students with theory, content, and method that would provide the foundation for a final senior project in a particular area (e.g. media, health, race and gender, law). Upon review of enrollment patterns among Women Studies majors, the department found that over the last decade or so, most students have tended to abandon the track, and, instead, have created individualized tracks that more closely reflected their academic interests and career goals. In addition, many students who stayed with a particular track chose senior thesis topics that were not related to the track, but reflected their current interests.

In response to this long-time trend of student curricular choices, the department has developed a set of new major requirements that retain the basic pedagogical goals of the department without tying students to a particular content area and have replaced the senior thesis requirement with a one-quarter senior capstone course (see accompanying proposal). Decoupling courses from the tracks will afford students a greater degree of flexibility when choosing courses to fulfill major requirements.

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2. Catalog Copy

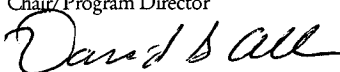
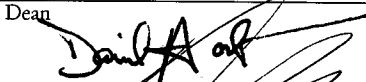
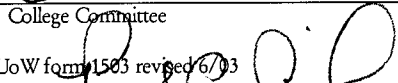
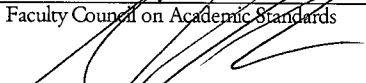
A. Catalog Copy as Currently Written (*Include only sections/paragraphs that would be changed if your request is approved. Please cross out or otherwise highlight any deletions.*)

1. WOMEN 200 or equivalent, two credits of WOMEN 299, and one course ~~from WOMEN 206, WOMEN 257, WOMEN 283, WOMEN 290, or transfer equivalent~~
2. WOMEN 322 or WOMEN 456 (~~may overlap with option or upper-division requirement~~); WOMEN 357 (~~may overlap with option requirement~~)
3. One course in feminist theory (WOMEN 455 is recommended for those planning to pursue graduate study. See department adviser for a complete list of acceptable courses.)
4. ~~The senior thesis sequence of WOMEN 491, WOMEN 492, and WOMEN 493.~~
5. A minimum of 3 credits of WOMEN 497 fieldwork
6. ~~10 additional upper-division credits within the major~~
7. ~~Completion of a 25-credit interdisciplinary option. Options can include up to 15 credits of upper-division courses from other departments. Students may select pre-approved options or design an option specific to their academic interest in consultation with adviser.~~

B. Proposed Catalog Copy, Reflecting Requested Changes (*Include exact wording as you wish it to be shown in the printed catalog. Please underline or otherwise highlight any additions. If needed, attach a separate, expanded version of the changes that might appear in department publications.*)

1. WOMEN 200 or equivalent, two credits of WOMEN 299, and one additional WOMEN 200 level course.
2. WOMEN 322 or WOMEN 456; and WOMEN 357
3. One course in feminist theory (WOMEN 455 is recommended for those planning to pursue graduate study. See department adviser for a complete list of acceptable courses.)
4. The senior capstone, WOMEN 494.
5. A minimum of 3 credits of WOMEN 497 fieldwork
6. 25 additional Women Studies upper-division credits

3. Signatures (required)

Chair/Program Director 	Date 11/20/06	Dean 	Date FEB 17 2006
College Committee 	Date FEB 17 2006	Faculty Council on Academic Standards 	Date 4-7-06

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