



## Rename the Upper Division Certificate in “Women’s Studies” to “Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies” (PCC 20078)

**PRESENTED BY** Valerie Orlando, Chair, Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses Committee

**REVIEW DATES** SEC – February 23, 2021 | SENATE – March 3, 2021

**VOTING METHOD** In a single vote

**RELEVANT POLICY/DOCUMENT** NA

**NECESSARY APPROVALS** Senate, President, University System of Maryland Chancellor, and Maryland Higher Education Commission

### ISSUE

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Last year, the Department of Women’s Studies within the College of Arts and Humanities was renamed the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. This proposal is to rename the Upper Division Certificate in “Women’s Studies” to “Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.” The proposal will not only align the program with the department name, but also reflect the current scope of the program. In 2020, the program modified its curriculum to recognize the breadth of study of interlocking systems of oppression comprising the expansive field of women, gender, and sexuality studies. The new curriculum added greater flexibility by adding new and updated foundational course options as entry points to the certificate: LGBT200 Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies; WMST200 Introduction to WGSS: Gender, Power, and Society; WMST250 Introduction to WGSS: Art and Culture, WMST263 Introduction to Black Women’s Studies, and WMST298D Bodies in Contention. The program also added multiple options to fulfill the program’s 12 credit specialization requirement, including Social Justice; Transnational Politics and Perspectives; Race, Ethnicity and Class; Bodies, Genders and Sexualities; Arts, Technologies and Cultural Production; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies, or a student-designed specialization. The new name of the program, therefore, more accurately reflects the inclusiveness of the curriculum.

This proposal was approved by the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses committee on February 5, 2021.

### RECOMMENDATION(S)

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The Senate Committee on Programs, Curricula, and Courses recommends that the Senate approve this name change.

### COMMITTEE WORK

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The committee considered this proposal for its meeting on February 5, 2021. Ashwini Tambe and Gwen Warman of the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, along

with ARHU Associate Dean Ralph Bauer, presented the proposal and answered questions. The committee approved the proposal.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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The Senate could decline to approve this new program title.

## **RISKS**

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If the Senate declines to approve this program title change, the current program will not adequately describe the program curriculum.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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There are no significant financial implications for program title changes.

# 501: WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES CERTIFICATE

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## In Workflow

1. D-WMST Curriculum Manager (gwarman@umd.edu)
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## Approval Path

1. Wed, 05 Aug 2020 20:57:56 GMT  
Gwen Warman (gwarman): Approved for D-WMST Curriculum Manager
2. Tue, 11 Aug 2020 18:23:38 GMT  
Ruth Zambrana (rzambran): Rollback to D-WMST Curriculum Manager for D-WMST PCC Chair
3. Wed, 12 Aug 2020 19:21:15 GMT  
Gwen Warman (gwarman): Approved for D-WMST Curriculum Manager
4. Wed, 12 Aug 2020 20:13:18 GMT  
Ruth Zambrana (rzambran): Approved for D-WMST PCC Chair
5. Wed, 12 Aug 2020 20:14:26 GMT  
Ruth Zambrana (rzambran): Approved for D-WMST Chair
6. Wed, 25 Nov 2020 18:29:41 GMT  
Betsy Yuen (myuen): Approved for ARHU Curriculum Manager
7. Wed, 13 Jan 2021 22:47:37 GMT  
Ralph Bauer (bauerr): Approved for ARHU PCC Chair
8. Wed, 13 Jan 2021 22:48:44 GMT  
Ralph Bauer (bauerr): Approved for ARHU Dean
9. Fri, 29 Jan 2021 21:43:27 GMT  
Michael Colson (mcolson): Approved for Academic Affairs Curriculum Manager
10. Sat, 06 Feb 2021 09:13:05 GMT  
Valerie Orlando (vorlando): Approved for Senate PCC Chair

## History

1. Oct 18, 2019 by William Bryan (wbryan)
2. Mar 26, 2020 by William Bryan (wbryan)

Date Submitted: Wed, 05 Aug 2020 19:53:21 GMT

**Viewing: 501 : Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Certificate**

**Last approved: Thu, 26 Mar 2020 18:00:48 GMT**

**Last edit: Mon, 25 Jan 2021 14:43:53 GMT**

Changes proposed by: Gwen Warman (gwarman)

### Proposed Action

Rename Program

**Program Name**

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Certificate

**Program Status**

Active

**Effective Term**

Fall 2020

**Catalog Year**

2020-2021

**Program Level**

Undergraduate Program

**Program Type**

Undergraduate Certificate

**Delivery Method**

On Campus

**Departments**

**Department**

Women's Studies

**Colleges**

**College**

Arts and Humanities

**Program/Major Code**

9Z004

**MHEC Inventory Program**

Women's Studies

**CIP Code**

050207 - Women's Studies.

**HEGIS**

499905

**Degree(s) Awarded**

**Degree Awarded**

Certificate, Upper Division

**Proposal Contact**

Ruth Enid Zambrana

**Proposal Summary**

To change the name of the program from Women's Studies Certificate to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Certificate (PCC Log Number 20078)

## Program and Catalog Information

Provide the catalog description of the proposed program. As part of the description, please indicate any areas of concentration or specializations that will be offered.

The Women's Studies Certificate Program consists of an integrated, interdisciplinary curriculum on women and gender that is designed to supplement a student's major. Any student in good standing may enroll in the certificate program by declaring their intention to the Women's Studies Department.

### Catalog Program Requirements:

To qualify for a certificate in Women's Studies, a student will be required to earn 21 credits in Women's Studies courses, twelve of which must be at the 3xx/4xx level. No more than nine credits that are applied toward a major may be included in the certificate program. No more than nine credit hours may be taken at institutions other than the University of Maryland. Each student must obtain a grade of "C-" or better in each course that is to be counted toward the certificate. An overall GPA of 2.0 in the certificate is required for graduation. A list of courses offered can be found here: <http://wmst.umd.edu/academics/courses> (<http://wmst.umd.edu/academics/courses/>). Of the 21 credits, courses must be distributed as follows:

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Foundation Courses:</b>		
One of the following courses:		3
LGBT200	Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
WMST200	Introduction to WGSS: Gender, Power, and Society	
WMST250	Introduction to WGSS: Art and Culture	
WMST263	Introduction to Black Women's Studies	
WMST298	Special Topics in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WMST298D Bodies in Contention)	
WMST302	Feminist, Critical Race, and Queer Theories	3
<b>Capstone Course</b>		<b>3</b>
WMST488	Senior Seminar	
LGBT488	Seminar in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	
Any 400-level course from thematic concentrations		
<b>Thematic Concentration <sup>1</sup></b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>21</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Thematic concentrations:
- Social Justice
  - Transnational Politics and Perspectives
  - Race, Ethnicity and Class
  - Bodies, Genders and Sexualities
  - Arts, Technologies, and Cultural Production
  - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Studies
  - Student Designed

Consult the department for eligible courses in each area.

## Program Modification Information

**Impact on current students.** It should be specifically acknowledged that students enrolled in the program prior to the effective date of any curriculum change may complete their program under the old requirements if they wish. The courses required must remain available, or suitable substitutions specifically designated.

There are no curricular changes in this proposal, so there is no impact on the students.

## Linked Programs

### Renaming Program

Provide a rationale for renaming the program.

The Department of Women's Studies has been renamed the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. This change will bring the certificate and department into alignment. In addition, the WMST course prefix is also being changed to WGSS. Once finalized the changes to the program name and course prefix can be updated as needed in the text of the undergraduate catalog.

## Supporting Documents

### Attachments

WGSS Certificate New Catalog Description.docx

### Reviewer Comments

**Ruth Zambrana (rzambran)** (Tue, 11 Aug 2020 18:23:38 GMT): Rollback: Requires further edits

**Betsy Yuen (myuen)** (Wed, 25 Nov 2020 04:35:40 GMT): Attached new catalog description as a Word doc. CIM would not allow me to edit the current catalog description.

Key: 501

# Program Change Request

Date Submitted: 08/05/20 3:53 pm

Viewing: **501 : Women, Gender, and Sexuality**

## **Women's Studies Certificate**

Last approved: 03/26/20 2:00 pm

Last edit: 01/25/21 9:43 am

Changes proposed by: Gwen Warman (gwarman)

Catalog Pages Using this Program

[Women's Studies Certificate](#)

Proposed Action **Rename Program Curriculum Change**

Program Name

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If other, new  
degree award:

Proposal Contact

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List the intended student learning outcomes. In an attachment, provide the plan for assessing these outcomes.

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Indicate in the space below all programs to which this program is formally linked (e.g., approved combined bachelor's/master's programs, dual master's programs, or joint-programs with other universities). If the proposed modification will affect the linked program, provide as an attachment the new curriculum for each arrangement and provide supporting correspondence from the director of the linked program.

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Administrative  
Documents

Reviewer

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