



**PCC Proposal to Rename the Ph.D. in “Women’s Studies” to “Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies” (Senate Document #21-22-24)**

**TO Darryll J. Pines | President**

**FROM Ellen D. Williams | Chair, University Senate**

I am pleased to forward the accompanying legislation for your consideration and approval. Valérie Orlando, Chair of the Programs, Curricula & Courses (PCC) Committee, presented the PCC Proposal to Rename the Ph.D. in “Women’s Studies” to “Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies” (Senate Document #21-22-24), which the University Senate approved at its meeting on December 9, 2021. Please inform the Senate of your decision and any administrative action related to your conclusion.

**Approved:**

**Date:**

**12-22-2021**

**Darryll J. Pines  
President**

Copies of this approval and the accompanying legislation will be forwarded to:

- Jennifer King Rice**, Senior Vice President and Provost
- Reka Montfort**, Executive Secretary and Director, University Senate
- Michael Poterala**, Vice President and General Counsel
- Dylan Baker**, Interim Associate Vice President for Finance and Personnel
- John Bertot**, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
- Elizabeth Beise**, Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs
- Rhonda Smith**, Acting Director, Academic Affairs
- Valérie Orlando**, Chair, PCC Committee
- Neda Atanasoski**, Chair & Professor, Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
- Bonnie Thornton Dill**, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
- Ralph Bauer**, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Humanities



**Rename the Ph.D. in “Women’s Studies” to “Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies” (PCC 21040)**

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

**REVIEW DATES** SEC – November 22, 2021 | SENATE – December 9, 2021

**VOTING METHOD** In a single vote

**RELEVANT  
POLICY/DOCUMENT**

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

**ISSUE**

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In 2020, the College of Arts and Humanities’ Department of Women’s Studies was renamed the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. In the spring of 2021, the undergraduate major and upper-division certificate program titles in Women’s Studies were also changed to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. This proposal is to rename the Ph.D. in “Women’s Studies” to “Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.” The proposal will align the program with the department and undergraduate program names, and also reflect the current scope of the Ph.D. program.

The proposal was approved administratively by the Graduate School PCC committee on October 27, 2021, and the Senate Programs, Curricula, and Courses committee on November 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 at its meeting on November 5, 2021, as part of its consent agenda. A presentation was not required because previous proposals to change the names of the department and the undergraduate programs were approved by the committee. The PCC 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 coursework and activities of the program.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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There are no significant financial implications for program title changes.

# 477: WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES (WGSS)

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## In Workflow

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## Approval Path

1. Wed, 29 Sep 2021 20:58:33 GMT  
Gwen Warman (gwarman): Approved for D-WMST Curriculum Manager
2. Wed, 29 Sep 2021 21:03:34 GMT  
Gwen Warman (gwarman): Approved for D-WMST PCC Chair
3. Thu, 30 Sep 2021 16:42:22 GMT  
Neda Atanasoski (natanaso): Approved for D-WMST Chair
4. Mon, 18 Oct 2021 14:51:03 GMT  
Betsy Yuen (myuen): Approved for ARHU Curriculum Manager
5. Tue, 19 Oct 2021 12:32:44 GMT  
Melissa Lucas (malucas): Approved for ARHU PCC Chair
6. Tue, 19 Oct 2021 13:21:53 GMT  
Ralph Bauer (bauerr): Approved for ARHU Dean
7. Wed, 20 Oct 2021 15:49:12 GMT  
Michael Colson (mcolson): Approved for Academic Affairs Curriculum Manager
8. Wed, 27 Oct 2021 16:22:05 GMT  
Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi): Approved for Graduate School Curriculum Manager
9. Wed, 27 Oct 2021 16:24:17 GMT  
Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi): Approved for Graduate PCC Chair
10. Thu, 28 Oct 2021 12:00:50 GMT  
Steve Fetter (sfetter): Approved for Dean of the Graduate School
11. Fri, 05 Nov 2021 16:51:12 GMT  
Valerie Orlando (vorlando): Approved for Senate PCC Chair

## History

1. Sep 16, 2019 by Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi)
2. Oct 18, 2019 by William Bryan (wbryan)
3. Aug 14, 2020 by Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi)
4. Aug 14, 2020 by Angela Ambrosi (aambrosi)
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**Last approved: Fri, 14 Aug 2020 18:52:50 GMT**

**Last edit: Tue, 19 Oct 2021 14:15:34 GMT**

Changes proposed by: Gwen Warman (gwarman)

**Proposed Action**

Rename Program

**Program Name**

Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)

**Program Status**

Active

**Effective Term**

Winter 2022

**Catalog Year**

2021-2022

**Program Level**

Graduate Program

**Program Type**

Doctoral

**Delivery Method**

On Campus

**Departments**

**Department**

Women's Studies

**Colleges**

**College**

Arts and Humanities

**Program/Major Code**

WMST

**MHEC Inventory Program**

Women's Studies

**CIP Code**

050207 - Women's Studies.

**HEGIS**

499905

**Degree(s) Awarded**

**Degree Awarded**

Doctor of Philosophy

**Proposal Contact**

Gwen Warman and Neel Ahuja

### Proposal Summary

The Department of Women's Studies has been renamed the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. This change will bring the doctoral program and department into alignment.

(PCC Log Number 21 040)

## Program and Catalog Information

### Catalog Program Requirements:

Students entering with a bachelor's degree are required to complete 27 credits of required courses and 27 credits of electives for a total of 54 credits. Students entering with a master's degree are required to complete 27 credits of required courses and 7 credits of electives.

Students in the program explore feminist and queer theories, methodologies, and genealogies through coursework within the department, then draw upon resources across UMD and the DC area to build an individualized course of study as they ready themselves for dissertation research. With the guidance of faculty, students work through our series of benchmarks in order to gain a strong grounding in our field and then develop their specific trajectory, pursuing the classes, networks, and training necessary for the projects they are building.

**Advance to Candidacy:** In addition to the course requirements below, students must pass all of the following: the General Examination, Interdisciplinary Paper, Portfolio Review, Major Field Exam, and Dissertation Prospectus. Students must also demonstrate reading competency in a language other than English, relevant to their course of study.

**Post-Candidacy:** Complete at least 12 credits of WMST899 Doctoral Dissertation Research and successfully defend and submit an original dissertation.

Course	Title	Credits
Required courses:		
WMST601	Approaches to Women's Studies I	3
WMST602	Approaches to Women's Studies II	3
WMST618	Feminist Pedagogy	3
WMST621	Feminist Theories and Women's Movements: Genealogies	3
WMST628	Women's Studies Colloquium (1 credit per semester until candidacy)	3
Electives		27
<b>Dissertation Research Requirements</b>		
WMST899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>54</b>

## 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 course or requirement changes and no impacts on current 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 doctoral program and department into alignment.

Key: 477

# Program Change Request

Date Submitted: 09/29/21 2:56 pm

Viewing: **477 : Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)** ~~Women's Studies (WMST)~~

Last approved: 08/14/20 2:52 pm

Last edit: 10/19/21 10:15 am

Changes proposed by: Gwen Warman (gwarman)

Catalog Pages Using this Program

[Women's Studies, Doctor of Philosophy \(Ph.D.\)](#)

Proposed Action **Rename Program** ~~Curriculum Change~~

Program Name

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If other, new degree award:

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Sample plan. Provide a term by term sample plan that shows how a hypothetical student would progress through the program to completion. It should be clear the length of time it will take for a typical student to graduate. For undergraduate programs, this should be the four-year plan.

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

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### Linked Programs

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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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### Supporting Documents

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Attachments

Administrative  
Documents

Reviewer

Comments