



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

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)

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

COMMITTEE WORK

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

The Senate could decline to approve this new program title.

RISKS

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

There are no significant financial implications for program title changes.

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Approval Path

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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
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10. Thu, 28 Oct 2021 12:00:50 GMT
Steve Fetter (sfetter): Approved for Dean of the Graduate School
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Valerie Orlando (vorlando): Approved for Senate PCC Chair

History

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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

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Program and Catalog Information

Catalog Program Requirements:

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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
Dissertation Research Requirements		
WMST899	Doctoral Dissertation Research	12
Total Credits		54

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

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Program Change Request

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Catalog Pages Using this Program

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

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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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Supporting Documents

Attachments

Administrative
Documents

Reviewer

Comments