Program Change Proposal Form

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Department: Women’s Studies Minor Program [English faculty and Women’s Studies Director]

1. Rationale for change (include relevant assessment data to support this proposal):

The Women’s Studies Minor is overseen by the Director of the program and the Women’s Studies Steering Committee, which is made up of faculty who teach Women’s Studies courses. As faculty have developed new courses that include at least 50% content related to Women’s Studies, the committee reviews the syllabi for these courses and determines whether the courses can be used to fulfill requirements in the minor. Although many of these courses have been approved by the Director and the Registrar’s office for inclusion in the minor, they have not yet been placed in the curricular change process. Instead, the Director has advised students over the course of their academic program about which courses fulfill requirements. Then, the director informs the Registrar’s Office on a case-by-case basis about which of these courses will fulfill the minor’s graduation requirements prior to graduation. The rationale for this Program Change is to include these courses in the Women’s Studies ER and the catalog in order to accurately reflect the inclusion of these courses in the minor. This will help students, as well as streamline advising and the registrar’s handling of the minor requirements.

2. Old Degree and Program Title (attach an old ER): Women’s Studies Minor

New Degree and Program Title (attach a new ER): Women’s Studies Minor

List all changes: The following courses are to be added for inclusion in the minor:

In the Social Sciences category:
PSY 2212 Human Sexuality

In the Electives category:
ENG 2280 Survey of American Literature II
ENG 3327 Slave Narrative
ENG 3385 Major Author* [When offered with Women’s Studies content.]
ENG 3389 Graphic Novel
HST History of Sexuality

3. Program Description for Catalog (if changed):

The MU Women’s Studies Minor

18-credit minor in Women’s Studies.
Core Requirement:

- WS 1100 Introduction to Women's Studies
- WS 4410 Seminar in Women’s Studies

Choose one Humanities Course:

- ENG 3326 Women's Literature
- ENG 3328 Lesbian and Gay Literature
- HST 2210 American Women's History
- HST 3313 Women in European History
- HST 3325 History of Witches and Witch Hunts
- MU 2205 Women in Music

Choose one Social Sciences Course:

- COM 3334 Gender and Communication
- NUR 4402 Women's Health Issues
- PSY 2212 Human Sexuality
- PSY 3309 Stereotyping and Prejudice
- PSY 4422 Psychology of Women
- SOC 2232 American Family Systems
- SOC 3310 Sociology of Sex and Gender

Choose two electives from the courses listed below. Courses with * must have a Women’s Studies focus and be approved by the Women’s Studies Director.

- ENG 2220 Special Topics in Literature*
- ENG 2280 Survey of American Literature II
- ENG 3305 Comparative Literature*
- ENG 3307 Literature in English from Around the World*
- ENG 3320 Special Topics in Literature*
- ENG 3327 Slave Narrative
- ENG 3385 Major Author*
- ENG 3389 Graphic Novel
- ENG 4401 Seminar in Literary Studies*
- HST 2230 History of Sexuality
- HST 3294 Topics in American History*
- HST 3295 Topics in Global History*
- HST 3296 Topics in European History*
- HST 3326 History of Women and Television

4. Program Objectives (if changed):

5. Program Learning Outcomes (if changed):

6. Impact on other programs (if any): None.

7. New library resources needed? ____Yes   __X__ No   If yes:
   Signature of appropriate librarian indicating needs can be met:

8. New Technology Resources Needed? ____Yes   __X__ No   If yes:
   Signature of Director of Information Technology indicating needs can be met:

9. New Equipment resources needed? ____Yes   __X__ No   If yes:
   Describe Equipment: _______________________________________________
   Source of funding: _________________________________________________

10. Requested Date to be Offered: 2014-2015 Catalog

Recommendation Dates & Signatures:       Signature       Date
Department: ________________________________ __________
TEC (if any education program):             ________________________________ __________
Graduate Council (If necessary):            ________________________________ __________
Academic Affairs Committee:                 ________________________________ __________
Academic Planning Committee:                ________________________________ __________
University Senate:                          ________________________________ __________
President: ________________________________ __________

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