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General Information:

Proposal Type: Course Program Other
 Proposal Name¹ (course prefix & number, pgm major & degree, etc.): GWS Graduate Certificate
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Identify the groups or individuals reviewing the proposal; note the date of approval; offer a contact person for each entry; and obtain signature of person authorized to report approval.

Internal College Approvals and Course Cross-listing Approvals:

Reviewing Group	Date Approved	Contact Person (name/phone/email)	Signature
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External-to-College Approvals:

Council	Date Approved	Signature	Approval of Revision ²
Undergraduate Council			
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TO: A & S Educational Policy Committee, Graduate Council, Senate Council,
University Senate

FROM: Patricia Cooper, Chair 
Gender and Women's Studies Department

DATE: April 15, 2010

I am writing to request a change in the Graduate Certificate in Gender and Women's Studies. We want to eliminate one required course. The course is GWS 750 and it is a one-credit pass-fail course that we initially thought would help to create community among the Certificate students. Although it was initially successful, over time the course has proved to be more of an impediment than a help. Students do not find it useful, and faculty members feel that their volunteer efforts [there is no compensation for teaching the course] are best put elsewhere in our developing graduate curriculum. Department faculty members support suspension of the course and the requirement.

Currently the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in GWS are:

Gender and Women's Studies Graduate Certificate Course Requirements

Beginning Fall, 2001, completion of the Gender and Women's Studies Graduate Certificate Curriculum requires a minimum of 13 hours of course work, including:

- Two elective three-credit courses, at least one of which is taken outside the student's home disciplinary department as defined by undergraduate or graduate concentration, as appropriate (6 hours)
- WS 650, Feminist Theory, preferably taken after the student's two electives (3 hours)
- A three-credit cross-cultural course, approved by the Gender and Women's Studies Program for fulfillment of this requirement. Courses fulfilling this requirement will contain a substantial component on culture(s) outside the United States and western Europe (3 hours)
- WS 750, Readings in Gender and Women's Studies, a one-hour readings course designed to integrate readings across disciplines and provide an opportunity to share work in progress with other Gender and Women's Studies scholars finishing

their certificate course work. WS 750 is designed as a capstone course and should be taken when all other work for the certificate has been completed (1 hour).

Students may select their elective courses and courses fulfilling the cross-cultural requirement from the list furnished by the Gender and Women's Studies Program every semester. Students who would like to petition the Graduate Committee to accept a course as fulfilling a requirement for the Certificate should use the Coursework Petition Form, available in the Gender and Women's Studies office or online

<http://www.as.uky.edu/academics/departments_programs/GenderWomenStudies/GenderWomenStudies/graduate/Documents/Petition%20to%20Substitute%20Coursework.doc> .

New Gender and Women's Studies Graduate Certificate Course Requirements

The change would simply involve eliminating the requirement and dropping the course. The new requirements would be:

- Two elective three-credit courses, at least one of which is taken outside the student's home disciplinary department as defined by undergraduate or graduate concentration, as appropriate (6 hours)
- WS 650, Feminist Theory, preferably taken after the student's two electives (3 hours)
- A three-credit cross-cultural course, approved by the Gender and Women's Studies Department for fulfillment of this requirement. Courses fulfilling this requirement will contain a substantial component on culture(s) outside the United States and western Europe (3 hours)

Everything else remains the same for the Certificate. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed change. Do not hesitate to call me with any questions.

Brothers, Sheila C

From: Cooper, Patricia A
Sent: Thursday, November 18, 2010 10:23 PM
To: Brothers, Sheila C
Subject: Re: Proposed Change to Grad Cert GWS

Hi Sheila. The Graduate Certificate has been 13 hours of coursework. Without GWS 750, it will be 12 hours of coursework, i.e. four courses. The course we want to drop, GWS 750, is only 1 credit and it is pass/fail.

Let me know if this still isn't clear. Cheers, Patty

On 11/18/10 4:03 PM, "Brothers, Sheila C" <sbrothers@uky.edu> wrote:

Good afternoon, Patricia! I am writing in regards to the proposal to change the Graduate Certificate in Gender and Women's Studies (attached).

Just a quick clarification, and I will add your reply to the proposal.

How many credit hours are required for the Graduate Certificate in GWS currently, and what will be the required number of credits after the change/course drop?

Thank you,
Sheila

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