University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Curriculum Proposal Form #2

## Change in Degree, Major, or Submajor

**Effective Term:**

**Type of Action:**

**Degree:**

**Program Title:** Women's Studies

**GPA Requirement for the Major/Submajor:**

**Sponsor(s):** Lauren B. Smith

**Department(s):** Women's Studies

**College(s):**

# **Consultation took place**: NA Yes (list departments and attach consultation sheet)

Departments:

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**Proposal Information:**

([***Procedures for Form #2***](http://acadaff.uww.edu/UCC/Curriculum_Handbook_09/Procedures_form2.docx))

**Total number of credit units in program:** no change from 33 units

Before change After change

1. **Exact description of request:**

**a**. Add SPANISH 484 WOMEN WRITERS OF SPAIN AND THE AMERICAS and PHILOSOPHY 381 - Philosophy of Gender and Race to WOMENS STUDIES MAJORS area 6

**b.** Deletions: delete HISTORY 455 from area 6; delete SOCIOLOGY 367, SOCIOLOGY   
 410, SOCIAL WORK 341, and POLITICAL SCIENCE 464 from area 7. Addition: add   
 ANTHROPOLOGY 367 to area 7

**From** (as listed in catalog and on AR)

MAJOR - 33 UNITS

1. WOMENST 100

2. WOMENST 489

LETTERS AND SCIENCES WOMEN’S STUDIES 271

3. SELECT 3 UNITS FROM COURSES

WOMENST 370, WOMENST 334, AND ENGLISH 368

4. WOMENST 365 OR SUBSTITUTION APPROVED BY CHAIR

5. WOMENST 280 OR PHILSPHY 390

6. SELECT 3 UNITS FROM COURSES

WOMENST 303, WOMENST 345, ARTHIST 305, ENGLISH

264, ENGLISH 368, ENGLISH 463, ENGLISH 464, HISTRY 313,

HISTRY 314, HISTRY 326, HISTRY 363, HISTRY 365, HISTRY

455, PHILSPHY 390, RELIGST 330, AND SPEECH 326

7. SELECT 3 UNITS FROM COURSES

WOMENST 240, WOMENST 245, WOMENST 250, WOMENST

310, WOMENST 320, WOMENST 334, WOMENST 350, WOMENST

380, WOMENST 392, WOMENST 464, POLISCI 315,

POLISCI 464, PSYCH 202, SOCIOLGY 345, SOCIOLGY 367,

SOCIOLGY 379, SOCIOLGY 410, AND SOCWORK 341

8. SELECT 6 UNITS FROM COURSES

WOMENST 245, WOMENST 303, WOMENST 310, WOMENST

320, WOMENST 334, WOMENST 345, WOMENST 350, WOMENST

370, WOMENST 380, WOMENST 392, WOMENST 455,

WOMENST 464, WOMENST 490, WOMENST 493, WOMENST

496 AND WOMENST 498

9. SELECT 6 UNITS FROM APPROVED WOMEN'S

STUDIES COURSES APPROVED BY AN ADVISER (PERSONALIZATION

REQUIRED)

WRITING PROFICIENCY - 3 UNITS

1. WOMENST 489

AN APPROVED MINOR IS REQUIRED FOR THIS MAJOR

**To** (to be listed in catalog and on AR) – ***Additions are underlined and in bold print. Deletions are in bold with strikethroughs.***

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HISTRY 314, HISTRY 326, HISTRY 363, HISTRY 365, **~~HISTRY 455~~**,   
**PHILSPHY 381**, PHILSPHY 390, RELIGST 330, **SPANISH 484,** AND SPEECH 326

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STUDIES COURSES APPROVED BY AN ADVISER (PERSONALIZATION

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WRITING PROFICIENCY - 3 UNITS

1. WOMENST 489

AN APPROVED MINOR IS REQUIRED FOR THIS MAJOR

1. **Relationship to mission and strategic plan of institution, and/or college and department goals and objectives:**

**a**. The Women's Studies mission is to provide an interdisciplinary understanding of gender across time and cultures. SPANISH 484 introduces students to literary production of women writers from Spain/Latin America (XVI century-present). Exposed to various themes and writing styles, students will engage in textual analysis and critical discussion to reflect on the authors’ cultural and historic challenges, and about the historical and social impact of their works. PHILOSOPHY 381 examines the philosophical assumptions underlying concepts of gender and race. Topics include: historical and contemporary arguments about race and gender as biological categories; the relationship between the use of these categories and the persistence of sexism and racism; and race and gender in theories of subjectivity. These two courses are already part of UW-Whitewater’s curriculum. We want our students to have these options for humanities credit.

**b.** Women’s Studies majors will be able to accomplish the departmental goals more effectively and efficiently with a catalog that has been brought up to date.

1. **Rationale:**

**a.** SPANISH 484 and PHILOSOPHY 381 are valuable courses for Women's Studies students which will enhance the Women's Studies curriculum. Spanish 484 will add a Spanish language/international perspective, and PHILOSOPHY 381 will add a course with a theoretical/critical perspective on gender and race.  
Spanish 484 and Philosophy 381 will add additional humanities options to the Women’s Studies major.

**b**. These are changes proposed to bring the catalog up to date. History 455 is a variable topic class and the topic is no longer related to gender. Political Science 464 is cross-listed with Womenst 464, and Womenst 464 is already listed in area 7. Sociology 367 should be listed as Anthropology 367 (clerical error), therefore Soc 367 should be deleted and Anthro 367 should be added. Social Work 341 will not be taught in the near future because of a retirement in that department.

1. **Cost Implications:**

None.