PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)

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See http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty/cd for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

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<th>DEGREE PROGRAM</th>
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A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

In order to align our program with national and international trends in the field, we propose the following two changes:
1) Change the name of the program from Women’s Studies to Women’s and Gender Studies; and
2) Add a theory course.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

WOMEN’S STUDIES

Minor Only

Women’s studies offers an interdisciplinary minor focusing on women, girls, and historical and contemporary experiences related to feminality. In addition, the minor focuses on multiple issues related to gender, such as masculinities, femininities and sexualities. Besides featuring an introductory course focusing on women’s studies, the minor draws from a variety of other disciplines, including: Alaska Native studies, anthropology, communication, education, English, foreign languages, history, journalism, justice, linguistics, literature, music, philosophy, political science, psychology, social work, sociology and other disciplines. The particular strength of the program lies in its interdisciplinarity, its wide diversity of course offerings and its inquiry into gender issues. The multiple voices and perspectives provide broad understanding of diverse issues related to both women and gender. The minor helps students prepare for a wide variety of personal and career pursuits as gender issues and women are involved in every aspect of human experience.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
   WMS* F201—Introduction to Women’s Studies ..........................................................3
2. Complete at least 12 additional credits of courses cross-listed with WMS* [and that
   are from two or more disciplines], subject to the approval of a Women’s Studies
   advisor..........................................................................................................................12
3. Minimum credits required..........................................................................................15

C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:

(Underline new wording strike through old wording and use complete catalog format )

WOMEN’S STUDIES

Minor Only
Women's **and Gender** studies offers an interdisciplinary minor focusing on women, girls, and historical and contemporary experiences related to femineness. In addition, the minor offers students the opportunity to study multiple issues related to gender, such as masculinities, femininities and sexualities. Besides featuring an introductory course and a theory course, the minor draws from a variety of other disciplines, including: Alaska Native studies, anthropology, communication, education, English, foreign languages, history, journalism, justice, linguistics, literature, music, philosophy, political science, psychology, social work, and sociology. The particular strength of the program lies in its interdisciplinarity, its wide diversity of course offerings and its inquiry into gender issues. The multiple voices and perspectives provide broad understanding of diverse issues related to both women and gender. The minor helps students prepare for a wide variety of personal and career pursuits as gender issues and women are involved in every aspect of human experience.

**Minor**

1. Complete the following: WMS* F201—Introduction to Women's Studies.................................3
2. Complete at least 12 additional credits from courses cross-listed with WMS* [and that are from two or more disciplines], subject to the approval of a Women's Studies advisor.........................12
3. Minimum credits required..................................................15

**D. ESTIMATED IMPACT**

*WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.*

Although there will be initial expense in changing the name on the website, the course catalog, signage, and faculty business cards, the name change will have no long-term impact on budgets, facilities, or faculty.

**E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:**

*What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action? Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)*

Nearly all of the departments involved have one or more faculty members who are already affiliated with WMS*, and the departments are in favor of the shift. We anticipate that the enrollment in cross-listed courses will increase because of the expansion of the subject matter taught within the program. We have emailed the chairs of the programs that are affected by the change and asked for their support.

**F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:**

*Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)*

An Outcomes Assessment Process is already in place for the minor.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED**

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

The name change of the program from Women's Studies to Women's and Gender Studies is proposed as part of national trend to expand the boundaries of the discipline to include more diverse scholarship, especially the exciting scholarship on gender and masculinities. Thus the name change will improve the quality of UAF education as several faculty in the program already do scholarship and teaching on gender and on masculinities. The theory course we are proposing, WMS* 403 Theories in Women's and Gender Studies, will expand the educational opportunities for all students interested in theory, and in learning how to think critically about the intellectual history of a discipline and a social movement. The theory course is an upper division, 400-level course. Students often report difficulties in locating sufficient upper division courses they can take to fulfill their requirements, so our proposal will offer students another option for their upper division credits. The quality of the education students receive at UAF will only benefit from the change of our program's name.
**APPROVALS:**

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**ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE**

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* We are in the process of seeking approval from the Registrar to change the designator for all our courses from WMS to WGS. Please see cover memo.
MEMORANDUM

February 18, 2010

To: Curriculum Council, College of Liberal Arts
cc: Eric Heyne, Interim Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Curricular Affairs Committee, UAF Faculty Senate
From: Chris Coffman, Coordinator, Women’s Studies Program
Subject: Clarification of Paperwork for Program Change and New Course Proposal
Attached: Format 5 (Program/Degree Requirement Change); Format 1 (New Course Proposal)

This memo clarifies the use of course designators on the attached paperwork for the proposed change in Women’s Studies’ program name to Women’s and Gender Studies, and for the proposed new course “Theories in Women’s and Gender Studies.”

In keeping with our current program name, Women’s Studies currently uses “WMS” as the designator for our stand-alone course, WMS 201, as well as for all of our cross-lists (WMS/HIST 202, WMS/ANTH/LING 308, WMS/SOC 320, WMS/HIST 325, WMS/JPN 331, WMS/SOC/PSY 332, WMS/ENGL 333, WMS/JUST 335, WMS/PS 340, WMS/ANS 348, WMS/SWK 350, WMS/COMM 351, WMS/PSY 360, WMS/PHIL 362, WMS/JRN 380, WMS/MUS 410, WMS/HIST 414, WMS/HIST 424, WMS/ED 440, WMS/ANTH 445, and WMS/RD 460).

We are in the process of seeking approval from the Registrar to change the designator for all our courses to WGS. In keeping with the expansion of the focus of our program explained on our paperwork for the Program Change, the three letters of the proposed new designator indicate “Women’s,” “Gender,” and “Studies,” respectively. Jayne Harvie in the Governance Office has been in touch with Tim Stickel in the Registrar’s Office to inquire about the possibility of this change. In the meantime, we continue to use the WMS designator on the attached paperwork.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns about our use of course designators on the attached paperwork.