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**PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

**PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:**

<b>DEGREE PROGRAM</b>	Women, Gender, and Sexualities Studies (formerly Women's and Gender Studies)
<b>Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)</b>	Minor only

**A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)**

No change in degree requirements

**B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:**

**WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES**

**Minor Only**

Women's and gender studies offers an interdisciplinary minor focusing on women, girls, and historical and contemporary experiences related to femaleness. In addition, the minor offers students the opportunity to study multiple issues related to gender, such as masculinities, femininities and sexualities. In addition to an introductory course and a theory 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, 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**

- Complete the following:  
WGS F201--Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies .....3
- Complete at least 12 additional credits from courses cross-listed with WGS [and that are from two or more disciplines] subject to the approval of a Women's Studies advisor.....12
- 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 AND GENDER STUDIES WOMEN, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES**

~~Women's and gender~~ Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies offers an interdisciplinary minor focusing on women, ~~girls, gender, and sexuality within~~ historical and contemporary experiences ~~related to femaleness~~. In addition, the minor offers students the opportunity to study multiple issues related to gender, such as masculinities, femininities, and sexualities. In addition to 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 and sexuality issues. The multiple voices and perspectives provide broad understanding of diverse issues related to ~~both women, gender, and sexuality~~. The minor helps students prepare for a wide variety of personal and career pursuits as ~~gender women, gender, and sexuality issues~~ are involved in every aspect of the human experience.

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

The name will be changed on the website but the designator of WGS will not be changed. There will be changes made on the website, the course catalog, signage, and faculty business cards; however there should be 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 affiliated with the WGS program and all faculty are in favor of the shift. We expect that the department will look forward to more inclusivity of students in the course offerings and hope to broaden our reach in subject matter and faculty involvement with the expansion of subject matter.

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

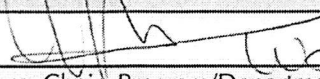
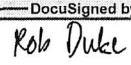
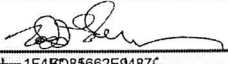
Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

**An Outcomes Assessment Process is already in place for the minor.****JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED**

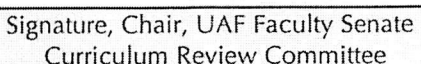
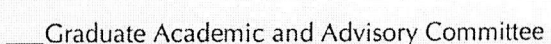
The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If 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 from Women's and Gender studies to Women, Gender, and Sexualities is a reflection of a national trend to include sexuality studies at the university level. The change reflects changing societal norms of study and will establish gender and sexuality as fundamental categories of social and cultural analysis. Drawing on history, literature, cultural studies, social science, and science, it offers interdisciplinary perspectives from which to study the diversity of the human experience. Gender—the social meaning of the distinction between the sexes—and sexuality—sexual identities, discourses, and institutions—are studied as they intersect with class, race, ethnicity, nationality, and transnational movements. With the name change, the department hopes to engage the sciences, as well as other wide ranging departments and areas, to enter into the discourse and research of Women, Gender, and Sexuality.

**APPROVALS: SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE**

	Signature, Chair, Program/Department of: <b>Women's &amp; Gender Studies</b>	Date	<b>11/18/15</b>
	Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for: <b>Rob Duke</b>	Date	<b>December 2, 2015</b>
	Signature, Dean, College/School of: <b>1547D85662E9487C</b>	Date	<b>December 3, 2015</b>

**CHAIR SIGNATURE OBTAINED FOLLOWING APPROVAL BY FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEE**

	Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee	Date	
	Signature, Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee		