Request to Add/Change A Minor

Name of Minor: Women's Studies-Graduate

Date of Request: August 2008

Department Making Request: Women's Studies

Implementation Date: January 2009

Credit Hours in Minor: 10

Credit Hours in Lower-Division Courses: NA

Courses required for minor (supply course symbol, number, credit hours, and title): To change minor, indicate changes in italics.

WMST 5980/6980 Feminist Theory (3)

WMST 7910 Teaching Practicum (1)

Elective courses allowed to count toward the minor (supply course symbol, number, credit hours, and title): To change minor, indicate changes in italics.

See Attached Document

Minor Curriculum Model. If appropriate, include model.

Justification:
The Women's Studies minor follows an interdisciplinary curriculum model. Students will take courses in two domain areas (outside of the home department) and the WMST 6980 course. The intent of the interdisciplinary model is to expand students' understanding of Women's Issues broadly. Students will take an hour of teaching practicum (WMST 7910) since the minor often serves as evidence of competence to teach in a discipline.

Addition resources or resource shifting required. If none, please explain.

See Attached Document
Elective Courses Allowed to Count Toward Minor

ANTH 6200 Gender Dev and Culture (3)
COMM7500 Gender Communication (3)
COMM 7660 Cultural Studies in Mass Communication (3)
COUN 7330 Counseling Diverse Populations (3)
ENGL 7050 Studies in Composition (Feminist or Gender Studies Approaches) (3)
ENGL 7740 British Literature and Culture (3)
ENGL 7780 Studies in Diversity & Lit (3)
ENGL 7800 Studies in Lit Theory (Feminist Approaches to 18th CE) (3)
HIST 7200 Seminar in US Women's History (3)
HIST 7220 Development in Civil Rights Movement (3)
HIST 7630 Graduate Seminar in Modern Latin America (3)
HDFS 7030 Advanced Family & Social Policy (3)
NURS 7230 Human Diversity (2)
NURS 7240 Health Parity in Diverse Populations (2)
NUFS 6820 Nutrition in the Life Cycle (3)
POLI 6610 Women in Politics (3)
POLI 6970 Race and Politics (3)
RSOC 6510 Social Welfare, Families, and Poverty (3)
SOCY 6970 Special Topics (Sociology of Gender) (3)

Additional Resources or Resource Shifting Required

The graduate minor in Women's Studies will require few additional resources.

- The addition of the minor will require faculty time to supervise the graduate student who is assisting them in teaching an undergraduate women's studies approved course (which would be an independent study). This is an independent study based course so it should not involve additional financial costs to the university. Moreover, it is anticipated that the help the student provides in the teaching of the undergraduate course will offset the extra time the faculty member spends with the student.

- The minor will involve students taking courses across disciplines and thus has the potential to increase enrollment in the identified courses (requiring the same amount of time the instructor typically spends for each student).

- Administration of the Graduate Minor in Women's Studies (and the Graduate Certificate, when approved) will place additional responsibilities on the director of the program. At present, the director teaches a 2/1 load in her home department. The present proposal thus includes a request for one additional course release for the director, or $5,000 to reimburse the director's home department for her time.
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