I. Revised Women’s Studies Major

Current Requirements:

A minimum of ten courses in Women’s Studies, to include:

1. Women’s Studies 101: Introduction to Women’s Studies (CSI, U)
2. History 254: Women in the US to 1870 (CHC, U) or History 255: Women in the US: 1870 to Present (CHC, U)
3. Six additional courses designated as Women's Studies courses, at least three of which must be at the 300-level. Courses must be chosen from at least two different divisions, schools, or programs, and within those, from at least three different departments or disciplines.
4. One course focused on non-western, minority, or immigrant women. Choose from among these: ANT 350; ANT 352; ENG 170*; ENG 259; HIS 343; LC 207; LC 350; SOC 354
5. Women’s Studies 490: Senior Seminar (W)

*Applies if course has significant women’s issues content. Contact the Women’s Studies Director for advice.

Proposed Requirements:

A minimum of ten courses in Women's Studies, to include the following (A minimum of four courses must be at the 300-400 level):

1. Women’s Studies 101: Introduction to Women’s Studies (CSI, U)
2. History 244: Women and the American Experience (CHC, U)
3. Six additional courses designated as Women's Studies courses. Courses must be chosen from at least two different divisions, schools, or programs, and within those, from at least three different departments or disciplines.
4. One course focused on non-western, minority, or immigrant women. Choose from among these: ANT 350; ANT 352; ENG 170*; ENG 259; HIS 343; LC 207; LC 350; SOC 354
5. Women’s Studies 490: Senior Seminar (W)

*Applies if course has significant women’s issues content. Contact the Women’s Studies Director for advice.

HUMANITIES

English 170: Special Topics: Bad Girls (LIT) or Women and Literature (LIT, U) or 20th Century Women Writers (LIT) or A Woman’s Place (LIT) or Third World Women Speak (LIT, G)
English 220: Literature and its Signs: An (Un)Suitable Job for a Woman (LIT) or New Woman: A Literary History (LIT) or Shakespeare’s Shrews (LIT, W)
English 259: Sex, Text, and Tradition in Black Women's Fiction (LIT, U)
English 361: Gender and the Novel (LIT, U)
English 370: Special Topics*
Greek & Roman Studies 312: Sex and Gender in Ancient Greece and Rome (CH, W)
Lit/Culture 207: Language and Gender (CSI, G)
Lit/Culture 274: Superwomen of Central European Fiction and Film (CHC, G, W)
Lit/Culture 350: Terrible Perfection: Women in Russian Lit/Cinema (LIT, G)
Philosophy 230: Philosophy of Feminism (AV, U)
Religion 106: Women, Religion, and Spirituality (CSI, G)
Religion 324: Sexuality and Christianity (AV)
SOCIAL SCIENCES
Anthropology 350: Healing, Birthing and Dying (G, W)
Anthropology 352: Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective (CSI, G)
History 249: Revolutions in American Childhood and Family Life (CHC, U)
History 244: Women and the American Experience (CHC, U)
History 323: Sex, Gender and Power under King James (CHC)
History 343: U.S. Immigration History (CHC, U)
History 350: Women, Work, and Leisure 1890-1930 (CHC, U)
History 390: Special Topics*
Political Science 220: Women and Politics (CSI, U)
Political Science 270: Special Topics*
Sociology 222: Sex and Gender in Society (CSI, U)
Sociology 311: Marriage and Family
Sociology 354: Gender and Globalization (G)
Sociology 355: Special Topics*

NURSING/HEALTH
Health 310: Special Topics in Health*
Health 330: Human Sexuality (AV)
Health 351: Abuse in America

NATURAL SCIENCES
Psychology 333: Psychology of Gender (U) (prereq. PSY 100; some sections for Psych majors only)

FINE ARTS
Theatre 370: Special Topics*

RATIONALE: This request entails two changes, one to the phrasing used in the statement of major requirements and the second to the list of courses that currently count for this interdisciplinary major and minor.

On the first request: The current language in the explanations of the Women’s Studies major is ambiguous. Students may be given the impression that they are required to take 5 upper-level courses, more than the usual requirement for IWU majors. The current listing of major requirements specifies that “at least three” courses of six chosen courses must be at the 300 level [see ‘Major Requirements’ #3]. Additionally, one of the courses on “non-western, minority or immigrant women” might be at the 300 level [see #4], and the Senior Seminar is WS 490.

The proposed changes to the major requirements will delete the phrase “at least three of which must be at the 300 level” from #3, and add at the start the simpler statement that “A minimum of four courses must be at the 300-400 level.”

*Please note: this is not a request to alter the major, but rather to clarify the language.*

On the second request: WS seeks to update the courses listed for the interdisciplinary major and minor; these changes result from deletions of and alterations to courses in different departments over the past year. The corrected list of courses for 2012 is supplied under the “Proposed” major requirements.

Because the first change is a simple clarification and the second is an update to present a more accurate list of current courses, these two changes have no impact on staffing and affect no other resources.