

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 19 **Change the descriptions and credit hours for WGSS 100, 365 and 400**

Effective Date: Fall 2014

1. Delete: On page 277, the entry for **WGSS 100, Introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies:**

100 Introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (3)

An interdisciplinary introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies examining methodology, perspectives and writings from humanities, social sciences and other related disciplines. Fall and Spring.

Add: On page 277, in place of deleted entry:

100 Introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (4)

An interdisciplinary introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies examining methodology, perspectives and writings from humanities, social sciences and other related disciplines. Emphasis will be placed on honing information literacy, writing, presentation skills and community activism and service. Fall and Spring.

2. Delete: On page 277, the entry for **WGSS 365, Interdisciplinary Approaches to Feminist Theory**

365 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Feminist Theory (3)

An investigation of selected feminist theorists on a variety of topics that are current in the literature. With permission of program director, may be repeated as content varies for a total of 6 hours credit. Prerequisite: WGSS 100. Fall.

Add: On page 277, in place of deleted entry:

365 Interdisciplinary Approaches to Feminist Theory (4)

An investigation of selected feminist theorists on a variety of topics current in the literature. Writing workshops support students' development of their own theoretical voice, with attention to epistemological and phenomenological problematics. With permission of department chair, course may be repeated as content varies. Fall.

3. Delete: On page 277, the entry for **WGSS 400, Senior Seminar in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies**

400 Senior Seminar in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (3)

Advanced readings in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies focusing on topics of current interest and debate. Readings will emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Students will complete a service, scholarly or creative project culminating in a written paper and oral presentation. Prerequisite: completion of 12 hours of WGSS related coursework. Spring.

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400 Senior Seminar in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (4)

Advanced readings in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies focusing on topics of current interest and debate. Readings will emphasize the interdisciplinary nature of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Students will complete a service, scholarly or creative project culminating in a written paper and oral presentation. Emphasis will be placed on research skills and information literacy. Prerequisite: completion of 20 hours of WGSS related coursework. Spring.

Impact: The reorganization of our curriculum into a more streamlined model (4 credit hour rather than 3 credit hour course model with a resulting reduction in the number of courses required for the major) will have a positive impact on our ability to deliver the curriculum with the faculty that we have and to use our current classrooms efficiently. We have given careful consideration to faculty coverage of the classes without the need for additional positions or adjuncts.

Rationale: The proposed course change to 4 credit hours for WGSS core courses will significantly enhance the classroom experience by adding breadth and depth to course content, more opportunities for engaged learning, one-on-one faculty attention, community activism and service-learning. In the capstone course, WGSS 400, students will be required to present their final project at a public forum such as UNC Asheville's Undergraduate Research Conference. The proposed changes will enrich student experience while supporting a sustainable curriculum.