

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 20 (WGSS): **Add HWP 381 and SOC 387 to the electives for
Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, removing
Natural Sciences from the heading**

Effective Date: Fall 2019

1. Delete: On p. 291, the **Natural Sciences/Social Sciences** list of courses:

Natural Sciences / Social Sciences:

ANTH	339	Intersections of Gender in the Americas (4)
ANTH	350	Body, Disability and Culture (4)
ANTH	361	Writing Gender (4)
ASIA	364	Gender and Development in South Asia (4)
ECON	330	Women, Men and Work (3)
HWP	253	Health and Sexuality (3)
HWP	254	Women's Health (3)
INTS	364	Gender and Development in South Asia (4)
POLS	348	Women and Politics (4)
PSYC	334	Psychology of Women (4)
PSYC	367	Human Sexuality (4)
SOC	368	Sociology of Gender (4)
SOC	390	Queer Sociology (4)

Add: On p. 291, in place of deleted entry:

Social Sciences:

ANTH	339	Intersections of Gender in the Americas (4)
ANTH	350	Body, Disability and Culture (4)
ANTH	361	Writing Gender (4)
ASIA	364	Gender and Development in South Asia (4)
ECON	330	Women, Men and Work (3)
HWP	253	Health and Sexuality (3)
HWP	254	Women's Health (3)
HWP	381	Body Fat and Body Image (3)
INTS	364	Gender and Development in South Asia (4)
POLS	348	Women and Politics (4)
PSYC	334	Psychology of Women (4)
PSYC	367	Human Sexuality (4)
SOC	368	Sociology of Gender (4)
SOC	387	Gender, Globalization, and Development (4)
SOC	390	Queer Sociology (4)

Impact: No resource impact is expected as a result of removing “Natural Sciences” from the heading describing electives. This is simply a matter of accuracy. The addition of two new permanent electives (HWP 381 and SOC 387) may benefit students to the extent that it offers more options in terms of scheduling and content. Both courses have been listed in recent years as electives approved by the program director but have yet to be included as permanent options in the handbook. As such, there should be no significant impact on course enrollments. The instructors of the courses and department chairs have agreed to the additions.

Rationale: It’s been many years since a Natural Science WGSS elective has actually been offered. The presence of this term in the catalog has thus been a source of confusion for some students, since in reality only social science courses tend to be offered. The intent of removing the label is to enhance clarity. It’s important to note that this change would not preclude students earning major or minor credit for a WGSS elective in the natural sciences, should such a course become available in the future. The program director reviews course offerings each semester and approves electives accordingly.

The newly added electives (HWP 381 and SOC 387), have been offered at least once every two years, and have up to this point been approved as WGSS electives on an ad hoc basis. This catalog addition is simply an update.