

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Committee on Curricula and Courses

Approved¹ Minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting

Chair: Robert G. Michel (CHEM). **Members present:** Eldridge Adams (EEB), Marysol Ascenio (PRLS), Margaret Breen (ENGL and WGSS), Bob Gallo (PNB), Robert Henning (PSYC), Richard Langlois (ECON), Micki McElya (HIST), Frank Musiek (COMM), Ken Noll (MCB), James O'Donnell (MARN), Richard Rockwell (SOCL), Rolf Schiffler (MATH), Matt Singer (POLS), Roger Travis (LCL), Richard Vitale (STAT), Shannon Weaver (HDFS), Bob Wyss (JOUR)

Visitors: Anne Theriault (PRLS), Letitia Naigles (COGS),

Preliminaries

Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM
Richard Rockwell selected as Secretary *pro tem*
Minutes of meeting of November 15, 2011
accepted by email ballot November 19, 2011

Report of the chair:

Proposals approved by the Chair before the meeting: none
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¹ These minutes unanimously approved by email January 9th and 10th 2012 with 14 votes recorded.

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Proposals for reconsideration

2011-100 WGSS Major – change description approved unanimously

Catalog Description of the Major

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

The Women's Studies Program is a flexible interdisciplinary academic program devoted to pursuit of knowledge concerning women and the critical analysis of the production of gender and sexuality within transnational and cross-cultural contexts. Combining the methods and insights of traditional academic disciplines with the special insights of feminist studies, gender studies, and sexuality studies, our courses focus on understanding the origins of and changes in diverse cultural and social arrangements. The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies major is broad as well as flexible.

The Program is committed to a vision of people of diverse sexualities and genders that is truly transnational and cross-cultural and that recognizes the diversity of sexual and gender desires, practices, and identifications, as well as racial, ethnic, class and religious differences.

The Program prepares students to employ critical learning in their private lives, in their public roles as citizens and as members of the work force, and enhances their ability to advocate for gender and sexual justice. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies fosters interdisciplinary breadth and critical thinking and thus opens the way to a wide variety of career choices and graduate programs. Our students are flourishing in social service agencies, business, law, education, and journalism, and employers appreciate the broad interdisciplinary perspective of a Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

education.

Core Courses

Students are required to pass the following Core Courses: One 1000-level WGSS Introductory Course; WGSS 3265W; WGSS 2250 or PHIL 3218; WGSS 3891/3894; WGSS 4994W.

Supporting Courses

Students are required to pass five 2000-level or above Supporting Courses (15 credits). At least three of these courses will be Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies or cross-referenced courses. Two of the five supporting courses may include cross-referenced courses that cover special topics relevant to feminist scholarship in various departments. Such cross-referenced courses will be applied to the major with approval of the Program Director or Academic Advisor.

Students may choose one or more of the following emphases to focus their field of study: Gender and Globalization/Transnational Feminisms; Sexualities; Gender, Science, and Health; or Arts, History, and Culture. These four emphases can readily reflect individual interests or complement a course of study in a second major. Participation in a defined emphasis is not required.

Related Courses

Students must pass an additional 12 credits at the 2000-level or above in fields closely related to the major. No required course in the major or in the related area may be taken pass/fail.

General Education Competencies

Information Literacy and Writing in the Major: Passing the core courses WGSS 3265W and WGSS 4994W will fulfill these competencies.

A minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is described in the "Minors" section.

Proposals for Consideration

2011-151 Add courses WGSS 3257 and WGSS 3257W Feminist Disability Studies -- Add courses approved unanimously

Catalog Description:

WGSS 3257: Feminist Disability Studies

Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher; sophomores by consent of instructor. Recommended: 1000 or 2000 level WGSS course; .

Social, historical, cultural, and political constructions of the intersecting categories of gender and disability. How disability is gendered; how gender is disabled; and how both are interwoven with race, ethnicity, class, nationality, sexuality, and subcultures.

WGSS 3257W: Feminist Disability Studies

Prerequisite: [ENGL 1010](#) or [1011](#) or [3800](#); open to juniors or higher; sophomores by consent of instructor.

**2011-152 Add courses WGSS 3270 and WGSS 3270W Masculinities --
Add courses approved unanimously**

Catalog Description:

WGSS 3270: Masculinities

Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher; sophomores by consent of instructor. Recommended preparation: Any 1000-level WGSS course. Social construction of masculinity and how maleness is gendered. Multiple forms of masculinities as influenced by differences in social and cultural expressions of gender, race, ethnicity, class, nationality, sexuality, disability and subcultures.

WGSS 3270W: Masculinities

Prerequisite: [ENGL 1010](#) or [1011](#) or [3800](#); open to juniors or higher; sophomores by consent of instructor.

**2011-153 Add courses WGSS 3105 and WGSS 3105W Politics of
Reproduction -- Add courses approved unanimously**

Catalog Description:

WGSS 3105. The Politics of Reproduction

Three credits. Prerequisite: Open to juniors or higher; sophomores by consent of instructor. Recommended preparation: any 1000 or 2000 level WGSS course. National and transnational politics of reproduction including: contraception, sexuality education, abortion, childbirth, surrogacy, adoption, health care policy and funding.

WGSS 3105W. The Politics of Reproduction

Prerequisite: [ENGL 1010](#) or [1011](#) or [3800](#); open to juniors or higher; sophomores by consent of instructor.

2011-154 Drop course STAT 3075 Statistical Methods (Calculus Level II) -- Drop course approved unanimously

2011-155 Drop course STAT 4625Q Introduction to Biostatistics -- Drop course approved unanimously

2011-156 Offer special topics course: PRLS 3295 Race and Reproduction: Latino Hemispheric Concerns -- Add special topics course approved unanimously

Short description: This course will address race and reproduction within the US, Caribbean, and Latin American context, from the "coloniality of race", "eugenics" movement, miscegenation laws, forced sterilization, abortion laws, to current issues of race, class, and immigration (transnationalism) considerations in fertility debates, family planning, contraception, reproductive technologies, surrogacy, adoption/foster care, etc...

2011-157 Add W variant of PRLS 3295 Special Topics in Puerto Rican and Latino Studies -- Withdrawn

2011-158 Add W variant of PRLS 3298 Variable Topics in Puerto Rican and Latino Studies -- Add variable topics course approved unanimously

Catalog Description:

PRLS 3298W Variable Topics in Puerto Rican and Latino Studies

Prerequisite: [ENGL 1010](#) or [1011](#) or [3800](#)

2011-159 Change prerequisites PNB 6426 Molecular and Cellular Neurobiology -- Change prerequisites approved unanimously contingent upon discussion with MCB²

Catalog Description

PNB 6426 - Molecular and Cellular Neurobiology

Three credits. Lecture. Prerequisite: Open to seniors.

Prerequisites for undergraduates : PNB3251 and PNB 3275 and one of the following: MCB 2210, MCB 2000 or MCB 3010.

Consent of instructor required for graduate students who are in programs other than PNB.

Molecular and cellular aspects of modern neurobiology including the analysis of neuronal proteins and their post-translational modifications, the dynamics of cellular substructures, and various signaling mechanisms in nerve cells including synaptic transmission. Molecular and cellular biology

² (subsequently concluded satisfactorily)

of selected neurological disorders.

**2011-160 Change Catalog Description and cross-list LAMS 1190
Perspectives on Latin America -- Change Catalog
Description and cross-list with HIST approved unanimously**

Catalog Description:

1190. Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean

(190) Three credits.

Multidisciplinary course exploring the historical development of such aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean as colonization and nation formation, geography and the environment, immigration and migration, race, ethnicity, and gender in society, politics, economy, and culture. CA 2 CA 4-INT

[Note: change in Catalog Description requires resubmission to GEOC for CA approval]

**2011-161 Add GEOG 1010. People, Place, and the Environment --
Postponed**

**2011-162 Change ECON Major description -- Postponed and
returned to department pending review of MATH
prerequisites**

**2011-163 Change recommended preparation COGS 3589.
Undergraduate Research -- change recommended
preparation approved unanimously**

Catalog Description:

3589. Undergraduate Research

(297) Credits not to exceed six per semester. Hours by arrangement. Open only with consent of instructor and program director of undergraduate studies. Recommended preparation: At least two of [ANTH 3002](#), [CSE 4705](#), [PHIL 3250](#), [PSYC 2501](#). With a change of content, may be repeated for credit.

**2011-164 Change prerequisite and description CHEM 5356 Statistical
Mechanics -- change Catalog Description approved
unanimously**

Catalog Description:

CHEM 5356 Statistical Mechanics

(356) Three credits. Lecture. Equilibrium properties of macroscopic systems from a molecular point of view.

2011-165 Change title and description MCB 2400 Human Genetics

Catalog Description:

MCB 2400. Human Genetics

Three credits. Two lectures and one problem-solving/case-study session. Prerequisite: [BIOL 1107](#). May not be counted toward the majors or minors in Biological Sciences, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Molecular and Cell Biology, Physiological and Neurobiology, or Structural Biology and Biophysics. Not open to students who have passed [MCB 2410](#).

Principles of genetics as applied to humans with a focus on the integration of classical and modern methods of genetics.

2011 - 166 Change a requirement of Cognitive Science major -- change to existing major approved unanimously

Change existing Catalog Description of the Cognitive Science major
Research Courses requirement:

Research Courses (6 credits)

Statistics (one of the following for at least three credits): PSYC 2100Q; STAT 2215Q; 3025Q (Calculus level).

Research Methods (one of the following for at least three credits): ANTH 3004 (if elected for three credits); LING 3110; PSYC 3250/3250W; 3251/3251W; 3450W; 3550W; 3551W; 3552.