

**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Request for Change(s)**

Originating unit requesting change _____ Women & Gender Studies

Type of Change requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course number(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Course prerequisite(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program title |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course title | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop course(s) | Program description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course description | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop program(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program requirements |

Semester and year change(s) take effect: _____ Fall 2020

Appropriate computer abbreviation if course title is more than 30 spaces: _____

Briefly summarize the change requested:

A revision of the program requirements for the emphasis and minor in WGST

Catalog copy

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable).

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Students seeking the minor complete 18 hours: two required courses (WGST 20003 and WGST 40003) and a choice of four additional courses from an approved list (see below). In choosing these courses, students take no more than two courses from any single discipline. Students who minor in women and gender studies must choose whether WGST-approved courses in their major discipline will count toward the major or the minor. No course may count for both.

Students seeking the emphasis in women and gender studies complete 15 hours: either WGST 20003 or WGST 40003 and a choice of four additional courses from the approved list. Emphasis students may count WGST-approved courses toward both their major and the emphasis, and may also concentrate their WGST electives in a single discipline. Emphasis students in programs requiring a minor must complete a minor in another disciplinary field.

Required Courses

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| WGST 20003 | Introduction to Women and Gender Studies |
| WGST 40003 | Advanced Seminar in Women and Gender Studies |

A list of approved courses can be found on the department website and will be maintained by the department and registrar.

For more information, contact WGST@tcu.edu.

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)

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Required Courses

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| WGST 20003 | Introduction to Women and Gender Studies |
| WGST 30503 | Foundations in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies |

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1. **What is the justification for the change(s) requested?**
We have developed a new version of our Advanced Seminar, now called Foundations in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, to better meet the needs of our new major, and this change also positively impacts our curriculum for the minor.

2. **If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.**
There will be no change to either program outcomes or assessment; the new requirements will contribute to our current outcomes and provide additional assessment materials.

3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.
N/A

4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently

available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)?
If yes, list additional resources needed.

YES
 NO

N/A

5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
N/A
6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.
N/A

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Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit