



Graduate Curriculum Approval Form Changes to Graduate Majors

Degree Program CIP Code	05.0207
Degree (i.e. M.A., Ph.D., etc.):	M.A.
Name of Major (e.g. Biology)	Women's and Gender Studies
Name of affected Concentration(s) (e.g. Botany)	n/a
Proposed Effective Term (e.g. Fall 2017)	Fall 2018
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APPROVALS	Name	Signature	Action	Date
Dept. Chair	Diane Price Herndl	<i>Diane Price Herndl</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	1/9/18
School Committee Chair (if applicable)	<i>Bernad Roster</i>	<i>Bernad Roster /SH</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	1/16/18
College Committee Chair	<i>Kathleen McCook</i>	<i>Kathleen McCook /SH</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	1/22/18
College Dean/ Associate Dean	<i>Robert Potter</i>	<i>Robert Potter /SH</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	1/22/18
Concurrence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Needed	Dept: Chair:		<input type="checkbox"/> Concur <input type="checkbox"/> Doesn't concur <input type="checkbox"/> Comments attached	
Grad Council	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/> Tabled <input type="checkbox"/> Comments	Graduate Studies	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve <input type="checkbox"/> Disapprove	

Summary of Changes – Select all that apply:

Admissions Section:

- Change Priority Admission Deadlines
 - Fall: _____
 - Spring: _____
 - Summer: _____
 - To "fall admissions only"
- From Regular to Direct Receipt Admissions
- From Direct Receipt to Regular Admission
- Admission Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

- Current Curriculum Requirements
 - Core
 - Add New Concentration, Specialization, or Track*
 - Delete Concentration, Specialization, or Track
 - Thesis/Dissertation
 - Comprehensive/Qualifying Exam, removal of requirement
- Other: copy updates in catalog, add portfolio to non-thesis track to replace comprehensive examination

**Requires submission to APAC for comment/clearance*

Why are these changes necessary?

The WGS graduate faculty have approved: 1. Requiring a portfolio for the non-thesis track. 2. Removing the comprehensive examination requirement for completing the master's degree because the thesis (thesis track), internship narrative (internship track), and portfolio (non-thesis track) serve the same function as the comprehensive examination, including SACS assessments.

Attach the current Catalog Copy, with the requested revisions shown using Track Changes. Catalog copy is not required for changes to the Admission Deadline. All other changes require Catalog Copy. To obtain the most current catalog, email cdh@usf.edu.

WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Master of Arts (M.A.) Degree

DEGREE INFORMATION

Priority Admission Application Deadlines:
 Fall: February 15
 Spring: October 15
 Summer: February 15

International applicant deadlines:
<http://www.grad.usf.edu/majors>

Minimum Total Hours: 36
 Level: Masters
 CIP Code: 05.0207
 Dept. Code: WGS
 Major/College: WST AS
 Approved: 1997

CONTACT INFORMATION

College: Arts and Sciences
 Department: Women's and Gender Studies

Contact Information: www.grad.usf.edu

MAJOR INFORMATION

The M.A. in Women's and Gender Studies requires the completion of 36 credit hours. The major has three tracks: 1) a research option that requires a thesis, 2) an applied option that requires an internship and subsequent analytic report on the internship experience, and 3) a non-thesis option. This format is designed to serve the needs of a variety of different categories of students desiring a graduate degree in Women's and Gender Studies. The thesis option is recommended for students who intend eventually to pursue a doctoral degree. Either the non-thesis option or the internship option is recommended for students who seek the M.A. as a terminal degree.

ADMISSION INFORMATION

Must meet University requirements (see Graduate Admissions), as well as requirements for admission to the major, listed below. Applicants without training in Women's and Gender Studies are admitted on a conditional basis. In addition, applicants must submit the following requirements:

- GRE scores are required
- A personal narrative statement of purpose
- A writing sample (appropriate examples include a term paper or research paper)
- Three letters of recommendation

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

The M.A. in Women's and Gender Studies requires the completion of thirty-six credit hours. These hours are divided as follows:

Minimum Hours:	36 credit hours	
Core Requirements	12 credit hours	
WST 6001	Feminist Research and Methodology	3
WST 6560	Advanced Feminist Theory	3
WST 6003	Feminist Scholarship and Pedagogy	3
WST 6936	Selected Topics in Women's Studies	3

Electives**18 credit hours**

To be selected from

- Graduate courses on ~~women-and~~ issues surrounding the intersection of gender/class/race/sexuality offered by other departments approved by the graduate director or student's major professor;
- No more than one other graduate-level course approved by the graduate director.

Comprehensive Examinations

~~In lieu of comprehensive examination, defense of final projects is used as the culminating assessment: defense of thesis for the thesis track, defense of internship narrative for the internship track, and defense of portfolio for the non-thesis electives track. Each student must pass a written comprehensive examination. It is expected that a student will successfully complete the comprehensive examination prior to beginning thesis or internship work. Students electing the Non-Thesis option should successfully complete the comprehensive exam in their last semester of coursework.~~

Track Requirements**6 credit hours**

Students should choose their M.A. track at the end of 18 hours of coursework.
Six credit hours are required on each track. Track Options include:

Thesis Track (6 credit hours)

WST 6971 Thesis: Master's

Students must enroll in six credit hours of WST 6971 Thesis: Master's. Taken over two semesters, the student will develop a thesis proposal approved by the student's thesis committee and complete a Master's thesis on the approved topic. The completed thesis must be defended at an oral defense.

Internship Track (6 credit hours)~~WST 5940825~~ Internship in Women's Studies

Students must enroll in six credit hours of ~~WST 5940825~~ Internship in Women's Studies. The internship experience, typically over two semesters, should take place in a human service agency or other organization which focuses on women, sexualities, or gender issues. The internship will be approved by the student's internship committee. The student will be required to write a narrative report describing the internship in detail and analyzing the experience in terms of appropriate theoretical frameworks. The completed narrative must be defended as an oral defense.

Commented [IU1]: This was an incorrect course number. Thus the change is a correction, not a curricular change.

Non-Thesis Track Option (6 credit hours)

In lieu of thesis or internship hours, students must take two additional electives to complete the total 36 hours for the M.A. degree and prepare a portfolio under the guidance of the major professor. The portfolio, approved by the student's committee, will consist of 1-2 polished academic papers produced for graduate courses, academic conferences, or scholarly publication.

Comprehensive Exam Requirements

~~Each student must pass a written comprehensive examination. It is expected that a student will successfully complete the comprehensive examination prior to beginning thesis or internship work.~~

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COURSESSee <http://www.ugs.usf.edu/course-inventory/>