



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	<b>SDSU</b>
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<b>Women's and Gender Studies Minor</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>05.0207</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>Arts, Humanities &amp; Social Sciences</b>

**University Approval**

*To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.*

Dennis D. Hedge

3/27/2019

Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

Date

**1. This modification addresses a change in:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work        | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program name                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below)                   |

**2. Effective date of change:** 2019-2020 Academic Year

**3. Program Degree Level:** Associate  Bachelor's  Master's  Doctoral

**4. Category:** Certificate  Specialization  Minor  Major

**5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur:**

On the effective date for all students

On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

Proposed new name: **Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies**

**6. Primary Aspects of the Modification:**

Existing Curriculum

Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)

Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
<b>Required Coursework</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>Required Coursework</b>			<b>6</b>
WMST	101	Introduction to Women's Studies	3	<del>WMST</del>	<del>101</del>	<del>Introduction to Women's Studies</del>	<del>3</del>
				<b>WMST</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>Introduction to Women, Gender, &amp; Sexuality Studies</b>	<b>3</b>
WMST/ ENGL	248	Women in Literature	3	<del>WMST/ ENGL</del>	<del>248</del>	<del>Women in Literature</del>	<del>3</del>
WMST	491	Independent Study	3	WMST	491	Independent Study	3
<b>Electives</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>Electives</b>			<b>12</b>
Select from the following list:				Select 12 credits from at least three different prefixes that are cross-listed with WMST. Students may also select 3 credits from WMST 492, WMST 494, or WMST 498.			

Existing Curriculum				Proposed Curriculum (Highlight Changes)			
Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs	Pre	Num	Title	Cr Hrs
CA	340	Work Family Interface	3	CA	340	Work Family Interface	3
WMST/ HDFS	250	Development of Human Sexuality	3	WMST/ HDFS	250	Development of Human Sexuality	3
WMST/ FSRM	253	Socio-Psychological Aspects of Dress	3	WMST/ FSRM	253	Socio-Psychological Aspects of Dress	3
WMST/ HSC	260	Women's Health Issues	3	WMST/ HSC	260	Women's Health Issues	3
WMST/ POLS	305	Women and Politics	3	WMST/ POLS	305	Women & Politics	3
WMST/ SOC	325	Domestic & Intimate Violence	3	WMST/ SOC	325	Domestic & Intimate Violence	3
WMST/ REL	331	Women & Religion	3	WMST/ REL	331	Women & Religion	3
WMST/ HIST	349	Women in American History	3	WMST/ HIST	349	Women in American History	3
WMST/ PSYC	367	Psychological Gender Issues	3	WMST/ PSYC	367	Psychological Gender Issues	3
WMST/ SPCM	415	Communication and Gender	3	WMST/ SPCM	415	Communication and Gender	3
WMST/ MCOM	419	Women in Media	3	WMST/ MCOM	419	Women in Media	3
WMST/ SOC	483	Sociology of Gender Roles	3	WMST/ SOC	483	Sociology of Gender Roles	3
WMST	492	Topics	3	WMST	492	Topics	3
WMST	494	Internship	3	WMST	494	Internship	3
WMST	498	Undergraduate Research	3	WMST	498	Undergraduate Research	3
<b>Total number of hours required minor</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>Total number of hours required minor</b>			<b>18</b>

## 7. Explanation of the Change:

The change to the program name is part of an ongoing effort to update the program so that it is relevant and current with the discipline of Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies. The change is outlined in the program's new mission statement, Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Advisory Committee bylaws, and is reflected in this curriculum revision. The mission is to educate the university and the public on issues related to gender and sexuality, through innovative curricula, research, and outreach. Courses in the minor will explore the intersection of gender (the socio-cultural construction of sexual difference) with other structures of power and sources of identity, including race, ethnicity, class, sexuality, and ability, among other aspects of identity. Adding "Sexuality" to the title underscores sexuality as a central category of analysis within the discipline and within SDSU's program, bringing the program in line with the University of South Dakota's program name of Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies.

The program is proposing changes to the structure of the core curriculum in order to streamline the program and bring its offerings closer in line with the mission of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, to provide students with a foundation in the study of gender and sexuality in an interdisciplinary minor. Students will be required to take WMST 247 Introduction to Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, instead of WMST 101 Introduction to Women's Studies, which will make the minor consistent with the change to the minor at USD. Students will continue to complete WMST 491 Independent Study. Therefore, the core requirements will now only include 6 credits, instead of 9 credits. Because WMST/ENGL 248 was the only discipline-specific core requirement, that requirement has been removed. This course may still be taken as an elective to count toward the minor.

The 12 credits of elective courses in the minor will now require a WMST cross-list, rather than taking courses from a static list. In the efforts to create a vibrant, interdisciplinary minor that will encourage students to take courses across the university, students will take any WMST cross-listed courses across three different prefixes (SOC, ENGL, SPCM, HDFS, etc.). As written in the WGSS Advisory Committee's bylaws, a curriculum subcommittee comprised by members of the WGSS Advisory Committee, including the instructor of WMST 247, will determine the WMST cross-listed courses. The subcommittee will review syllabi and invite instructors to explain their pedagogy in their goal to obtain the WMST cross-listing. The curriculum subcommittee will approve the WMST cross-listing for courses that meet any of the goals of the three student learning outcomes for the minor: 1) Recognize gender and sexuality as socio-cultural constructs that intersect with race, ethnicity, ability, nationality, and socio-economic status, among other aspects of identity; 2) Analyze how institutions and policies influence and reinforce power inequities and cultural expectations about gender and sexuality; and 3) Engage in critical inquiry using theoretical and methodological lenses grounded in gender and sexuality studies. Importantly, the content and pedagogy of any WMST cross-listed course must include a majority of focus on women, gender, and/or sexuality studies.