

GCERT Womn Stdy
Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Under Review | Fall 2025

Proposal Information

Status

Active

Workflow Status

In Progress

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Submitted for Approval | Proposer

✔ Sarah Davis-Secord | 11/13/2024 2:14 PM

Department Chair Approval, Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

Approved | Department Chair

✔ Sarah Davis-Secord | 11/13/2024 2:14 PM

Registrar Technical Check Approval, Registrar Technical Check

Approved | Registrar Technical Check

✔ Michael Raine | 11/13/2024 3:08 PM

— Maggie Sumruld

Notification, Arts & Sciences College Committee

Notification Sent | College-level Curriculum Committee Member

- ✉ Lisa Broidy
- ✉ Derek Hamilton
- ✉ Anita Obermeier
- ✉ Marlene Sanchez
- ✉ Eva Rodriguez Gonzalez
- ✉ Brisha Cruz-Garcia
- ✉ C. Tyler Johnson he.him
- ✉ Dawn Nordquist
- ✉ Satya Witt

College/School Approval

Approved

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College/School Approval, College of Arts & Sciences: Social Sciences &

Interdisciplinary

Approved | College or School approver

✔ Keith Hunley | 8/22/2025 3:42 PM

Library Approval, Main Campus Library

Approved | Library Approval

✔ Sever Bordeianu | 8/22/2025 3:48 PM

SGPC Approval, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee

Approved | Chair

✔ Robben Brown | 11/06/2025 10:07 AM

FSCC Member notification, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

Notification Sent | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Member

- ✉ Joe Anderson
- ✉ Laura Belmonte
- ✉ Sara Ice
- ✉ Mary Rice
- ✉ John Russell
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- ✉ Kirsten Thomson
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- ✉ Justine Ponce
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- ✉ Vanessa Ferguson
- ✉ Lauren McQuiston
- ✉ Jennifer Laws

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Approval, Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

Approved | Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee Chair

- ✖ Janet Vassilev
- ✔ Nicole Capehart

The FSCC voted to approve.

2/24/2026 1:39 PM

Provost Approval, Main Campus Provost

Approved | Provost

- ✔ Pamela Cheek | 3/08/2026 1:26 PM

Faculty Senate Approval, Faculty Senate

Waiting for Approval | Faculty Senate Approval

Nancy Middlebrook
Theresa Sherman

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Notification

Joseph Suilmann

External Review - HED CIP code approval, External Review

Approval | HED CIP code approval

Michael Raine
Anna Gay

Reg. Final Approval/Processing, Registrar

Approval | Registrar final approval

Michael Raine
Maggie Sumruld

Notification, Proposer

Notification | Proposer

Sarah Davis-Secord

Notification, Faculty Senate Graduate and Professional Committee

Notification | Chair

Robben Brown

EMRT notification, EMRT users

Notification | EMRT user

Enrollment Mgt Reporting Team

Notification, LoboTrax Team

Notification | LoboTrax Staff

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Changes

- College
- Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
- Admissions Requirements
- participants
- Proposed Effective Term and Year

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Proposal Information

Proposed
Sponsoring faculty/staff member

Proposed
Sponsoring faculty/staff email

scds@unm.edu

Existing
Sponsoring faculty/staff member
Scarlett Higgins

Proposed
College
College of Arts & Sciences: Social
Sciences & Interdisciplinary

Existing
College
College of Arts & Sciences

Department
Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies

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Campus
Main Campus

Effective Term and Year

Proposed
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Fall 2025

Existing
Proposed Effective Term and Year
Fall 2024

Justification

Proposed
Program Justification
Simply requesting a correction of the title of the Graduate Certificate—it is not "Women Studies" but "Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies" just like the BA major and minor.

Existing
Program Justification
I am requesting a change in the WGSS program's graduate certificate. The total number of credit hours will remain the same, but I propose to change from the current two required core courses (WGSS 510 AND 512) to requiring either 510 OR 512, with the remainder of hours moved to electives. I am requesting this change to allow students and faculty greater flexibility in terms of scheduling, and to account for faculty separations from UNM and/or our program that new hiring has not accounted for.

Graduate program revision
No

Program Category and Level

Program Category	Program Level	Proposed Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
Certificate	Graduate	Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
		Existing Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name Graduate Certificate in Women Studies

Certificate or Degree Type
Certificate (graduate)

Degree/Certificate Level
Graduate

Plan Options

Is this program also offered online?
No

File Uploads

Document uploads

Associated Kuali Forms

Select any associated course forms that exist

Proposed

Select any associated program forms that exist

BA WGSS

Existing

Select any associated program forms that exist

Catalog Information

Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies is designed to help graduate students across UNM add to their course of studies with an additional specialization; we welcome students pursuing a master's degree or a doctorate in any discipline that would be benefit from concentrated study on the topics of gender and/or sexuality, including feminist, queer, and transgender studies. Earning the Graduate Certificate in WGSS allows graduate students to have this specialization that will appear on their transcripts once they graduate, which can add to eligibility for future teaching and/or research opportunities.

Proposed

Admissions Requirements

Applications should include:

1. Proof of admission into a graduate program at UNM.
2. Letter of intent, including research project and how it is related to WGSS, as well as any relevant undergraduate and graduate coursework.
3. Cover sheet (available at <http://womenstudies.unm.edu/graduate/index.html>)

Applications should be sent to: wggs@unm.edu

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Graduation Requirements

Completion of all certificate program requirements, alongside the graduate requirements from the student's home department.

Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

License/Certification associated with program

No

Concentrations

Program Concentrations

Code	Title
Concentration Required	
No	

Certificate Information

Certificate Requirements

- Complete all of the following
 - Complete at least 1 of the following:
 - WGSS512 - Feminist, Queer and Trans* Methods and Methodologies (3)
 - WGSS510 - Feminist Theories and Methodologies (3)
 - Earn at least 12 credits from the following types of courses:
12 credit hours of electives approved by the WGSS Graduate Director. The electives may be taken within the WGSS program or another program/Department. Content of the elective course must include at least 50% reading material in feminist, queer, and transgender studies.

Grand Total Credits: 15

Registrar Office Only

CM Program Code	BANP	Banner Program Code	Major Code
GCERT Womn Stdy		GCERT-WMST	WMST
Online Program Code	Online Major Code	Pre-major Program Code	Pre-major Major Code
CIP Code	Concentration Inheritance		
050207	No		
Catalog		Proposed	
Main Campus		Catalog Activation Date	
		Existing	
		Catalog Activation Date	
		08/01/24	
Notes			
MR, 10/26/23: revised requirements structure.			