

GCERT Womn Stdy

Graduate Certificate in Women Studies

Under Review | Fall 2024

Proposal Information

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Proposal Information

Proposed	Proposed	
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Existing	Existing	
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<b>College</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Campus</b>
College of Arts & Sciences	Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies	Main Campus

Effective Term and Year

Proposed  
**Proposed Effective Term and Year**  
Fall 2024

Existing  
**Proposed Effective Term and Year**  
Fall 2006

## Justification

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Proposed  
**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.

Existing  
**Program Justification**

Proposed  
**Graduate program revision**  
No

Existing  
**Graduate program revision**  
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## Program Category and Level

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Program Category	Program Level	Degree, Minor, or Certificate Name
Certificate	Graduate	Graduate Certificate in Women Studies

Proposed  
**Degree Type**  
Certificate (graduate)

Existing  
**Degree Type**

Proposed  
**Degree/Certificate Level**  
Graduate

Existing  
**Degree/Certificate Level**  
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#### Plan Options

Proposed  
**Is this program also offered online?**  
No

Existing  
**Is this program also offered online?**  
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## Associated Forms

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Select any associated course forms that exist

Select any associated program forms that exist

## Catalog Information

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Proposed

### **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 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.

Existing

### **Program Description**

The graduate certificate requires a total of 15 credit hours:

- 6 credit hours of required courses (see *Requirements* below for courses)
- 9 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.

Students must receive at least a 3.0 GPA in all courses.

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: [shiggins@unm.edu](mailto:shiggins@unm.edu)

Existing

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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.

Applications should be sent to: [brandzel@unm.edu](mailto:brandzel@unm.edu)

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**Graduation Requirements**

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

Existing

**Graduation Requirements**

## Professional Credential/Licensure Program Information

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Proposed

**License/Certification associated with program**

No

Existing

**License/Certification associated with program**

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## Concentrations

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**Program Concentrations**

**Code**

**Title**

**Concentration Required**

No

## Certificate Information

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### **Certificate Requirements**

- Complete all of the following
  - Complete the following:
    - ~~WGSS510 - Feminist Theories and Methodologies (3)~~
    - ~~WGSS512 - Feminist, Queer and Trans\* Methods and Methodologies (3)~~
  - 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 9 ~~12~~ credits from the following types of courses:  
912 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**