

## **EPC 30 Day Clock Memo**

TO: All Faculty  
FROM: Educational Policies Committee  
SUBJECT: Notice of Curriculum Changes  
DATE: January 9

### **The 30-day review period begins January 9 and ends February 9, 2020**

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This notice of Curriculum Changes is published as required by the EPC Manual, part of the Faculty Handbook (8th edition). The following paragraph may be found in Section III, Part VI, Section 3, “Procedures Governing Revision of Curriculum and Degree Requirements”:

- F: Faculty members must submit objections to proposals in writing to the Chair of EPC within 30 days from the date listed on the 30-day Notice of Curriculum Changes distributed by the EPC. Objections received within this 30-day period will suspend approval, pending resolution of the objections. In the event a dispute cannot be resolved, the EPC will make its recommendation to the faculty for action at the next regular faculty meeting.

Complete copies of the proposals may be obtained from the Provost’s Office or from Svend Rønning, Chair of the Educational Policies Committee for the 2019-20 academic year. In addition, some proposals may be found online in the EPC section of the Office of the Provost Sakai site, to which all PLU faculty should have access.

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### **Curriculum Changes for Review – Summary**

- **Women’s and Gender Studies** – New major, new minor, change major and minor requirement\*; add permanent non Gen-Ed course

\*Type 3 proposal requiring a vote at Faculty Assembly

# Curriculum Changes for Review

Deletions are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ | Additions are indicated in **bold**

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## WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

*Fall 2020*

Type 3 – Change Women's and Gender Studies to Gender, Sexuality & Race Studies \*

Type 3 – Add new major and minor, delete major and minor\*

Type 2 – Add permanent non-GenEd course

\*Type 3 proposal require a vote at Faculty Assembly

[Women's and Gender Studies link to proposal here](#)

## ~~WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES~~ GENDER, SEXUALITY & RACE STUDIES

### Catalog

~~At the core of the Women's and Gender Studies (WMGS) program at PLU is a vibrant, diverse, and supportive community of feminist women and men, working to enhance and reinforce the individual goals and strengths of each student. This multiplicity of resources and talents allow our courses to draw upon many different academic areas, explore themes, such as gender and sexual identity, emphasize critical examination of racism, classism, and other forms of inequity and discrimination, and focus on the pursuit of social justice.~~

**The Gender, Sexuality, and Race Studies (GSRS) program at PLU provides students with an innovative curriculum that examines how gender, sexuality and race are embedded in complex dynamics of power and resistance, offers intersectional and interdisciplinary ways to understand identities and imagine new configurations of power, and provides students with opportunities to develop skills that will prepare them to pursue social justice and work in diverse communities. Accordingly, GSRS graduates will be able to solve problems in diverse environments, work effectively across difference, and lead from an equity mindset, some of the most important skills and abilities desired by employers.**

The ~~women's and gender studies major~~ **gender, sexuality, and race studies major** is multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary. Conferral of a baccalaureate degree with a major in ~~women's and gender studies~~ **gender, sexuality, and race studies** requires completion of a complementary major or minor from any department or program in the University.

PLU hosts a chapter of Iota Iota Iota (Triota) ~~Women's and Gender~~ **and Sexuality** Studies Honor Society. Eligible students meet the following criteria: (1) completion of at least 60 semester hours, (2) a minimum 3.5 cumulative GPA at the time of initiation, and (3) a demonstrated academic interest in ~~Women's and Gender~~ **and Sexuality** Studies, as evidenced by being a declared **GSRS** major or declared **Gender & Sexuality Studies** minor or having completed at least three courses that meet ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS** major and **GS** minor requirements (including courses offered by ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS** and courses offered by other programs that have been approved as ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS** electives).

Bachelor of Arts Degree

Major in ~~Women's and Gender Studies~~ **Gender, Sexuality, and Race Studies**

*36 semester hours, including:*

- ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS** 201 (4 semester hours, offered every semester)
- ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS** 301: ~~Feminist and Gender Theories~~ (4 semester hours, offered every Fall Semester)
- ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS** 499: ~~Women's and Gender Studies Senior Capstone~~ (4 semester hours, offered every Spring Semester)
- 24 additional semester hours
  - must be selected from list of ~~WMGS~~**GSRS**-approved courses (see list below);
  - **must include at least 8 hours in the Gender and Sexuality (GS) distribution**
  - **must include at least 8 hours in the Critical Race Studies (CR) distribution**
  - **must include at least one of the following: HGST 200, NAIS 250, LTST 241**
  - must be selected from at least four ~~disciplines~~ **departments or programs**,
  - must be selected from at least two different divisions or schools; **and**
  - ~~only one course may be at the 100-level; and~~
  - at least four of these courses must be at 300 or 400-level.
  - Courses that are not on the approved list, from any discipline, for which at least 60% of the assignments center on women, feminism, gender, **race**, and/or sexuality may also count for the ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS** major. This allows the integration of ~~women's and gender~~ **gender, sexuality, and race** studies perspectives into courses that are not explicitly or entirely structured around those perspectives. Students should consult the ~~women's and gender~~ **GSRS** studies chair about this option before the course begins (when possible) and provide syllabi and assignments to the ~~Women's and Gender Studies~~ **GSRS** Executive Committee for approval upon completion of the course.

## Minor in Gender and Sexuality Studies

*20 semester hours, including:*

- ~~WMGS~~ **GSRs 201** (4 semester hours, offered every semester)
- **GSRs 301** (4 semester hours, offered every fall)
- ~~16~~**12** additional semester hours
  - must be selected from ~~WMGS~~ **GSRs** courses or from list of ~~WMGS~~ **GSRs** -approved courses;
  - **must include at least 8 hours in the Gender and Sexuality (GS) distribution**
  - must be selected from at least two ~~disciplines~~ **departments or programs**;
  - must be selected from at least two different divisions or schools;
  - ~~only one course may be at the 100 level, and~~ at least two courses must be at the 300- or 400-level.
  - ~~WMGS 301: Feminist and Gender Theories strongly recommended~~
  - Courses that are not on the approved list, from any discipline, for which at least 60% of the assignments center on women, feminism, gender, and/or sexuality may also count for the ~~WMGS~~ **Gender, and Sexuality Studies** minor. This allows the integration of ~~Women's and Gender & Sexuality~~ **Women's and Gender & Sexuality** Studies perspectives into courses that are not explicitly or entirely structured around those perspectives. Students should consult the ~~WMGS~~ **GSRs** chair about this option before the course begins (when possible) and provide syllabi and assignments to the ~~WMGS~~ **GSRs** Executive Committee for approval upon completion of the course.

## Minor in Critical Race Studies

*20 semester hours, including:*

- **GSRs 201** (4 semester hours, offered every semester)
- **GSRs 301** (4 semester hours, offered every fall)
- **12** additional semester hours
  - must be selected from **GSRs** courses or from list of **GSRs** - approved courses;
  - **must include at least 8 hours in the Critical Race Studies (CR) distribution**
  - must be selected from at least two departments or programs;
  - must be selected from at least two different divisions or schools;
  - at least two courses must be at the 300- or 400-level.
  - **Courses that are not on the approved list, from any discipline, for which at least 60% of the assignments center on the critical study of race may also count for the Critical Race Studies**

**minor. This allows the integration of Critical Race Studies perspectives into courses that are not explicitly or entirely structured around those perspectives. Students should consult the GSRS chair about this option before the course begins (when possible) and provide syllabi and assignments to the GSRS Executive Committee for approval upon completion of the course.**

**Because of their shared core courses, students may not double-minor in Gender & Sexuality Studies and Critical Race Studies. Majors in Gender, Sexuality, & Race Studies may not minor in either Gender & Sexuality Studies or Critical Race Studies for the same reason.**

#### **WMGS GSRS Approved Courses – Gender & Sexuality distribution**

##### Division of Humanities

- ENGL 232: Women's Literature
- ~~ENGL 341: Feminist Approaches to Literature~~
- ENGL 395: Studies in Literature, Gender, and Sexuality
- ENGL 213, 216, 217, 231, 233, 234, 235, 241, 251, 300, 342, 343, 345, 348, 360, 370, 380, 394, 398 when topic is related to women, gender, sexuality, and/or feminism. See chair for more information.
- HISP 433: Special Topics in Latin American Literature and Culture when topic is related to women, gender, sexuality, and/or feminism. See chair for more information.
- NORD 363: Culture, Gender and the Wild
- PHIL 220: Philosophy and Gender
- PHIL 239: Philosophy of Love and Sex
- RELI 368: Feminist and Womanist Theologies
- RELI 226, 330, 341, 344, 351, 354, 361, 364, 390 when topic is related to women, gender, sexuality, and/or feminism. See chair for more information.

##### Division of Social Sciences

- ANTH 350: Women and Men in World Cultures
- ANTH 352: Anthropology and Age
- ANTH 353: Clothing and Material Culture
- HIST 359: History of Women in the U.S.
- PSYC 370: Gender and Sexuality
- PSYC 375: Psychology of Women
- SOCI 210: Gender and Society
- SOCI 494: Gender and Violence

School of Arts and Communication

- ARTD 490: Gender and Art
- COMA 303: Gender and Communication

School of Education and Kinesiology

- KINS 315: Body Image

**GSRs Approved Courses – Critical Race Studies distribution**

**Division of Humanities**

- CLAS 241 when topic is Race & Ethnicity in the Ancient World
- ENGL 217: Topics in Literature: Emphasis on Alternative Perspectives
- ENGL 342: American Ethnic Literatures
- ENGL 343: Post Colonial Literature and Theory
- ENGL 348: Studies in Literature, Culture, and Power
- ENGL 396: Studies in Literature, Race, and Ethnicity
- HISP 321: Civilization & Culture of Spain
- HISP 423 when the topic is Representations of the Migrant Experience in Contemporary Spain
- PHIL 227: Philosophy and Race
- RELI 230 when topic is Religion & Healing, African-American Religious Traditions, Islam in America.
- RELI 354: Race and Gender in Theology

**Division of Social Sciences**

- ANTH 101: Introduction to Human Biological Diversity
- ANTH 104: Introduction to Language in Society
- ANTH 332: Prehistory of North America
- HIST 357: African American History
- HIST 287 when the topic is Fighting Racism in the U.S.
- POLS 365: Racial and Ethnic Politics
- POLS 388 when the topic is Latino Politics
- PSYC 335: Cultural Psychology
- SOCI 226: Delinquency and Juvenile Justice
- SOCI 332: Race & Ethnicity
- SOCI 384: Criminal Justice
- SOCI 410: Social Stratification
- SOCI 413: Crime & Society

## Interdisciplinary Programs

- **NAIS 230: Indigenous Creation Stories of the Americas**

## COURSES

### ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS 190: FYEP190: Inquiry Seminar**

A four-credit seminar to introduce students to the methods and topics of study within a particular academic discipline or field. Students practice the academic skills that are at the center of the General Education Program. (4)

### ~~WMGS 201: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies—A~~

~~An interdisciplinary introduction to the themes, issues, and methodological approaches that are central to the study of gender and sexuality. Themes include the social construction of gender, intersectionality, power and privilege, and feminist praxis. Open to all students; required for WMGS majors and minors. (4)~~

### **GSRS 201: Introduction to Gender, Sexuality, and Race Studies - A**

**An interdisciplinary introduction to the concepts, themes, topics, and methods that are central to the study of gender, sexuality, race, and their relationship to other identity categories. Central concepts include knowledge production, the social construction of identity, theories of intersectionality, reflecting on power and privilege, and experimenting with different aspects of praxis and activism. Open to all students; required for GSRS majors and minors. (4)**

### ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS 287: Special Topics in ~~Women's and~~ Gender, Sexuality, and Race Studies**

To provide undergraduate students with new, one-time, and developing courses not yet available in the regular curriculum. The title will be listed on the student term-based record as ST: followed by the specific title designated by the academic unit. (1 to 4)

### ~~WMGS~~ **GSRS 288: Special Topics in ~~Women's and~~ Gender, Sexuality, and Race Studies**

To provide undergraduate students with new, one-time, and developing courses not yet available in the regular curriculum. The title will be listed on the student term-based record as ST: followed by the specific title designated by the academic unit. (1 to 4)

~~WMGS~~ **GSRs 289: Special Topics in Women's and Gender, Sexuality, and Race** Studies  
To provide undergraduate students with new, one-time, and developing courses not yet available in the regular curriculum. The title will be listed on the student term-based record as ST: followed by the specific title designated by the academic unit. (1 to 4)

~~WMGS 301: Feminist and Gender Theories~~

~~This course for majors and minors explores feminist and gender theories from global and diverse perspectives. Activities and assignments enable students to develop interdisciplinary research and practice within social justice frameworks. Prerequisites: WMGS 201, major/minor status, or permission of instructor. (4)~~

**GSRs 301: Theories of Gender, Sexuality, and Race**

**This course explores theories of gender, sexuality, and race from global and intersectional perspectives. Students will also examine the interdisciplinary applications of such theories as well as their relevance to social justice movements and activist work. Prerequisites: GSRs 201, major/minor status, or permission of instructor; required for GSRs majors and minors. (4)**

~~WMGS~~ **GSRs 389: Special Topics in Women's and Gender, Sexuality, and Race** Studies  
To provide undergraduate students with new, one-time, and developing courses not yet available in the regular curriculum. The title will be listed on the student term-based record as ST: followed by the specific title designated by the academic unit. (1 to 4)

~~WMGS~~ **GSRs 487: Special Topics in Women's and Gender, Sexuality, and Race** Studies  
To provide undergraduate students with new, one-time, and developing courses not yet available in the regular curriculum. The title will be listed on the student term-based record as ST: followed by the specific title designated by the academic unit. (1 to 4)

~~WMGS~~ **GSRs 488: Special Topics in Women's and Gender, Sexuality, and Race** Studies  
To provide undergraduate students with new, one-time, and developing courses not yet available in the regular curriculum. The title will be listed on the student term-based record as ST: followed by the specific title designated by the academic unit. (1 to 4)

~~WMGS~~ **GSRs 489: Special Topics in Women's and Gender, Sexuality, and Race** Studies  
To provide undergraduate students with new, one-time, and developing courses not yet available in the regular curriculum. The title will be listed on the student term-based record as ST: followed by the specific title designated by the academic unit. (1 to 4)

~~WMGS~~ **GSRs 491: Independent Study**

~~Readings, research projects, or service learning projects in areas or issues of women's and gender, sexuality, and race studies, under the supervision of a faculty member. (1 to 4)~~



~~WMGS~~ **GSR**S 495: Internship

A pragmatic, employer-based experience in which students apply knowledge already acquired, build competence, and test values in settings like those in which they may seek employment. Internships require the approval of a ~~WMGS~~ **GSR**S faculty member who will supervise the work of the agency or organization supervisor who will directly supervise the student. (1 to 4)

~~WMGS 499: Senior Capstone - SR~~

~~During their culminating seminar, Women's and Gender Studies majors will develop an academic project that applies feminist theories and methodologies to their experiences in a community-based practicum. Prerequisites: WMGS 301 and at least 16 hours of WMGS coursework. (4)~~

**GSR**S 499: Senior Capstone - SR

During their culminating seminar, Gender, Sexuality, and Race Studies majors will develop an academic project that applies theories of gender, sexuality, and/or race and feminist, queer, and/or anti-racist methodologies to their experiences in a community-based practicum. Prerequisites: GSRS 301, major status, or permission of instructor. Students are advised to have completed at least twelve hours of cross-listed coursework counting towards the GSRS major in addition to GSRS prerequisites. (4)