

Notice of Change form

Notice of Change for: GWS Graduate Certificate Program

Date: May 1, 2018

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: Gender and Women's Studies

College: Arts and Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: August 2019

First degree date: May 2020

4. Intended location of the program

Gender and Women's Studies

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

The Gender and Women's Studies Program at URI offers an interdisciplinary certificate based on feminist scholarship and pedagogy. The open curriculum of the certificate allows students to pursue the study of women and gender, along with other social, political, and economic factors to complement student learning in discipline-based programs.

The GWS Graduate Certificate enhances students' education and career opportunities by providing them with knowledge to navigate an increasingly diverse and interconnected world. Graduates with this certificate are well poised to bridge the gap between academic theory and professional or political practice.

The Graduate Certificate in Gender and Women's Studies is an elective option for matriculated graduate students or non-matriculated students.

The revision of the graduate certificate will reduce the required credits from 15 to 12. This reduction will enable more students to meet the required number of credits for the certificate, and thereby enable more graduate students from across campus to study earn the graduate certificate in gender and women's studies and complement their major area of study.

The revision will require 6 GWS credits. Six credits can come from other departments, or all 12 can be GWS credits.

6. If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog changes **indicated in Track Changes**.

See attached file with track changes.

7. Signature of the President

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David M. Dooley

August 9, 2018

Dear Curriculum Committee,

The Gender and Women's Studies program is amending its currently offered graduate certificate program. We are:

1. Reducing the number of required credits from 15 to 12.
2. Clarifying that of the 12 required credits for the certificate, 6 credits must be from GWS. The other 6 can come from other departments; or all 12 credits can be GWS credits.
3. Updating the certificate description in order to:
 1. reflect current trends in the field
 2. make the certificate more attractive to prospective students
 3. provide the most up-to-date information on the application process. A brief description of the application process and a link to URI's Graduate School application are included in the last section of the certificate program description.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Jessica Frazier and Donna Hughes

The Gender and Women's Studies Program at URI offers an interdisciplinary graduate certificate ~~program informed by advanced~~based on feminist scholarship and ~~pedagogy. pedagogical principles,~~
The open curriculum of the certificate allows students to pursue the study of women and gender, along with other social, political, and economic factors to complement the student's learning in their discipline-based area.

The GWS Graduate Certificate will enhance students' education and career opportunities by providing them with knowledge to navigate an increasingly diverse and interconnected world. Graduates with this certificate will be well poised to bridge the gap between academic theory and professional and political practice.

The Graduate Certificate in Gender and Women's Studies is an elective option for matriculated graduate students or post-baccalaureate non-matriculated students.

~~esigned to enhance the educational background and career opportunities for matriculated graduate students or nonmatriculated postbaccalaureate students.~~

The graduate certificate:

- Offers courses on feminist theory and analysis and course content on gender and its intersections with race, ethnicity, class, religion, and sexuality.
- Enables students to learn about the role and importance of social, political, and economic power in the opportunities and limitations of people's lives.
- Enables students to complement their program of studies by adding analyses of women/gender to areas of study such as environmental studies, peace and justice studies, international development, health studies, communication, history, library sciences, international relations, English and literature, marine and coastal studies, to mention just a few.
- Provides the opportunity to work on research projects that will complement students' discipline-specific courses.
- Provides a professional credential to supplement other programs of study.

The Certificate Program requires (12) credits of course work or experiential learning. Students are required to take a minimum of 6 credits in GWS courses (there is no maximum limit to the number of GWS courses that students can take). Students may take up to (6) credits of courses outside of GWS (with the approval of the GWS director or the director of graduate studies). The types of courses that will be accepted are those with a focus on women/gender, race, ethnicity, class, religion, and sexuality, social justice, social theory, or multiculturalism.
~~The certificate program requires 9 credits of graduate work in any field and 6 credits of Gender and Women's Studies (GWS) courses. (These courses may count toward a graduate degree in a field such as psychology, history, or English. Check with an advisor.)~~

Course Offerings :

GWS 500: Graduate Colloquium in Gender and Women's Studies (The colloquium may be repeated if the topic changes.)

GWS 501: Human Trafficking and Contemporary Slavery

GWS 502: Campaigns and Services for Victims of Trafficking and Slavery

GWS 550: Graduate Independent Study (Variable credits from 3-6 credits. If taken for 3 credits, it can be repeated for a total of 6 credits.)

Two 400 level courses may be taken to fulfill the requirements for the GWS Graduate Certificate

GWS 430: Women and Human Rights Policy

400 level courses from other departments may apply upon evaluation by the graduate director

For questions, contact Donna M. Hughes, director of graduate studies, donnahughes@uri.edu.

How to apply for graduate study at URI:

A URI grad application requires evidence of your ability to do graduate level coursework. Applicants submit official undergraduate transcripts, a professional resume, a small application fee, two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement of interest.

Link to URI Graduate School Application: <https://web.uri.edu/graduate-school/admission/>

Graduate students currently enrolled at URI should fill out the "Request to change/Add a Degree Program" form and have it approved by the graduate certificate coordinator.

~~Matriculated graduate students will take 9 credits of graduate study in their program that focuses on women or gender. The 9 credits may take the form of a course such as Women's History, or A Woman Writer, or Psychology of Women; substantial research focused on women or gender for a course such as Social Psychology, or Special Readings in American History.~~

~~Nonmatriculated students may take 9 credits of graduate study in any relevant graduate program or combination of programs (such as communication studies, English, history, human development and family studies, nursing, or psychology), subject to approval by the program director.~~

~~Both matriculated and nonmatriculated students will take two graduate-level courses to complete the certificate. For further information, contact the director of the Gender and Women's Studies Program, wmsdir@eta.uri.edu~~