TO: College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee

FROM: Rose-Marie Avin, Director
Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program

DATE: September 9, 2018

RE: Request for a change in the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Certificate

We request implementation of the following program change with the next possible Catalog.

Name of Program: Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Certificate

Program Code: 485-601

Date of Department/Program Approval: September 7, 2018


To: Students are required to take a minimum of 15 credits, including WGSS 100, WGSS 200, WGSS 335. The remaining six credits are to be selected from either WGSS courses or courses cross-listed with WGSS.¹

¹WGSS Certificate students may apply a maximum of three credits to the Certificate from WGSS 395, WGSS 397, and WGSS 498.

Why: WGSS 301 will no longer be offered after spring 2019. So, we are replacing WGSS 301 with WGSS 335 and adding WGSS 100 as a required course to give students the breadth and the depth of knowledge that they need when they do a WGSS certificate as a second program. Furthermore, WGSS 335 (Transnational Feminism) is an important course because it is a central paradigm of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.