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Resolution **2021-22 #19**
College Senate

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TO: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President
 FROM: The College Senate:
 RE: → I. Formal Resolution (*Act of Determination*)
 II. Recommendation (*Urging the Fitness of*)
 III. Other, For Your Information (*Notice, Request, Report, etc.*)



SUBJ: **36_21-22UC WMS 423 Curricular revision** (#36_21-22UC)

Implementation Effective Date**: _____

Signed: _____ Date: 4 / 18 / 22
 (Dr. James Spiller, 2021-2022 College Senate President)

Signed: _____ Date: 4 / 18 / 22
 (Dr. Eileen Daniel, Vice Provost, The College at Brockport)

****Implementation of resolution requires final approval from SUNY- State Education Department.**
 ___ YES NO

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TO: Dr. James Spiller, College Senate President
 FROM: Dr. Heidi Macpherson, College President
 RE: → I. Decision and Action Taken on Formal Resolution (circle choice)
 (a.) Accepted
 b. Deferred for discussion with the Faculty Senate on ___/___/___
 c. Unacceptable for the reasons contained in the attached explanation.
 d. Comments:

Signed: _____ Date: 4/27/22
 (Dr. Heidi Macpherson, President, The College at Brockport)

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RESOLUTION PROPOSAL COVER PAGE**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: January 31

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See https://brockport.edu/support/college_senate/proposals.html for full details. Complete this cover page. Email it along with all relevant files (individual .docx or .pdf files) to senate@brockport.edu. Your proposal will be made into an ADA compliant PDF, will receive page numbering and a routing number, and will be forwarded onto the appropriate committee chair(s).

Routing Number <i>Routing # assigned by Senate Office</i>	36_21-22UC
This Proposal Replaces Resolution	
Revision Date(s)	
Anticipated Effective Date:	

Title of Proposal in Title Style

Minor change to WMS major and minor curriculum, addition of AAS/WMS 423 Black Feminist Theory to the "Feminist Theory" requirement for major and minor

Brief Description of Proposal

We are proposing a minor curriculum change. For WMS majors and minors the "Feminist Theory" requirement could be met by WMS 409 "Feminist Theory" (offered each spring) OR AAS/WMS 423 "Black Feminist Theory" (to be offered in Fall beginning Fall 2022)

Budgetary Resources Needed

NA This course can be staffed using current FT faculty or fit within our current PT budget.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Data

After our recent PPR one of our goals was to more explicitly center the anti-racist aspects of gender studies and to make the intersectional nature of many of our classes more visible to students. Adding a course on Black Feminist Theory brings an important field out of a section of other classes and gives it the appropriate time and focus it deserves. We have seen in our assessment that students know the word intersectionality and can give some examples but don't always understand its history in Black feminist thought or the relation between BFT and current iterations of gender studies.

Effect on Transfer Students

No impact

Proposer Information

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<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty & Professional Staff Policies	Senate	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Student Policies	OTHER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate Curriculum & Policies	REJECTED -WITHDRAWN	

NOTES:



Department of Women and Gender Studies

November 21, 2021

To College Senate:

I write as chair of the Department of Women and Gender Studies to endorse the proposal by Department of Women and Gender to change the Feminist Theory Requirement from one WMS 409 (Feminist Theory) to either WMS 409 or AAS/WMS 423 (Black Feminist Theory) for both the WMS major and minor.

This minor change will have important impacts. It will allow more flexibility in scheduling and degree completion for students, avoid overenrolling WMS 409 or having to substitute in courses on an ad hoc basis, and is in alignment with the Women and Gender Studies Advisory Board's anti-racism statement of commitment (June 2020), which lists explicitly that the department will, "Review our WGS curriculum and our mission statement to ensure it centers anti-racist work."

This minor curricular change will not require additional resources. If staffed by a part time faculty member it will be within our current PT budget. We plan to offer AAS/WMS 423 every fall and continue to offer WMS 409 every spring.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Department of Women & Gender Studies
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9 December 2021

Prof. James Spiller
President
College Senate

Dear Prof. Spiller,

I write to express my support for the changes to the Women and Gender Studies Major and Minor that Dr. Milo Obourn has proposed. Specifically, the proposed change adds WMS 423, Black Feminist Theory, as one of two courses along with WMS 409, Feminist Theory, which fulfill the Feminist Theory requirement in the major and minor. This change is in alignment with the department's commitment to antiracist work and the centering of intersectional feminisms. It will also allow greater choice and reduce the need for course substitutions.

Please note that these changes will not increase resources needed for implementation.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jose Maliekal'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jose Maliekal
Dean

Proposal: Minor change to WMS major and minor curriculum, addition of WMS 423 Black Feminist Theory to the "Feminist Theory" requirement for major and minor

Submitted by Milo Obourn, Chair, Women & Gender Studies

Rationale: In accordance with our internal goals to highlight the intersectional nature of women's and gender studies, to center anti-racist work and knowledge, and to increase options for students to have flexibility in their schedules we are requesting a slight change in the WMS major and minor curriculum to allow for WMS 409 OR AAS/WMS 423 to count for the "Feminist Theory" requirement.

A side-by-side comparison of the old and new program (credit hours must be included for each course and totaled in clear tabular form)

Women and Gender Studies MAJOR

Required Core Courses = 27 credits

- WMS 101 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies
- WMS 271 Gender, Race and Class
- **ONE** course selected from:
 - WMS 360 Sex and Culture
 - WMS/PBH 419 Human Sexualities
 - WMS/ANT 365 Lesbian and Gay Cultures in America
 - WMS/SOC 369 Sociology of Sexualities
- WMS 330 Global Perspectives on Women and Gender
- WMS 409 Feminist Theory
- WMS 411 Feminist Research Methods
- WMS 420 Practicum in Women and Gender Studies (3-9 credits)
- WMS 421 Senior Seminar in Women and Gender Studies
- **ONE** course in Women's History by advisement. As of the publication of the catalog, options include:
 - WMS 324 Politics in America 1780s-1900s; Sex, Race, Culture and Party
 - WMS 328 Women in America
 - WMS 344 Sex, Sin and Sorority: Women in Early American Republic
 - WMS 358 Family and Social Change in American History
 - WMS 359 History of European Women
 - WMS 368 Women in the Mediterranean World
 - WMS 438 Women and Gender in Latin American History
 - WMS 444 Sexuality, Gender, and Identity in Medieval Europe

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- **WMS 409 Feminist Theory OR AAS/WMS Black Feminist Theory**
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>WMS 478 Gender and Race in Modern America</u> <p>Elective Courses = 9 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THREE <u>Women and Gender Studies</u> electives from approved, interdisciplinary cross-listed courses <p>Electives (52 credits)</p> <p>Total Credits (120 credits)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>WMS 478 Gender and Race in Modern America</u> <p>Elective Courses = 9 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THREE <u>Women and Gender Studies</u> electives from approved, interdisciplinary cross-listed courses <p>Electives (52 credits)</p> <p>Total Credits (120 credits)</p>
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Women and Gender Studies MINOR

<p>Required Core Courses = 9 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WMS 101 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies</u> • <u>WMS 409 Feminist Theory</u> • ONE course selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>WMS 360 Sex and Culture</u> ○ <u>WMS/PBH 419 Human Sexualities</u> ○ <u>WMS/SOC 369 Sociology of Sexualities</u> ○ <u>WMS 330 Global Perspectives on Women and Gender</u> ○ <u>WMS/ANT 365 Lesbian and Gay Cultures in America</u> <p>Elective Courses = 9 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THREE <u>Women and Gender Studies</u> electives from approved, interdisciplinary cross-listed courses. At least ONE must be 300/400 level. 	<p>Required Core Courses = 9 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>WMS 101 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies</u> • <u>WMS 409 Feminist Theory</u> OR AAS/WMS 423 Feminist Theory • ONE course selected from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>WMS 360 Sex and Culture</u> ○ <u>WMS/PBH 419 Human Sexualities</u> ○ <u>WMS/SOC 369 Sociology of Sexualities</u> ○ <u>WMS 330 Global Perspectives on Women and Gender</u> ○ <u>WMS/ANT 365 Lesbian and Gay Cultures in America</u> <p>Elective Courses = 9 credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THREE <u>Women and Gender Studies</u> electives from approved, interdisciplinary cross-listed courses. At least ONE must be 300/400 level.
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Identification of Pre-Requisites as appropriate: no prereqs

Staffing issues/Resource Implications: some semesters we may use PT faculty to staff this course, but when this is the case we will be able to work within our current budget for PT faculty.

Academic administration commentary

- Letter of support from the Chair
- Letter of support from Dean of the School
- Letters of support from cooperating or affected departments or offices
- Dissenting letters if applicable