

Certificate in Women of Color Feminisms
REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program is proposing a credit bearing certificate in Women of Color Feminisms (Code XXX-XXX). This 15-credit certificate requires at least 6 credits be completed at the 300-level or above. The Certificate is an interdisciplinary program that gives students the opportunity to explore WOC Feminisms as a field, a framework, and a method rooted in Women of Color work. The certificate will help students expand their knowledge of EDI issues by focusing on the lived experiences of women of color.

Points Discussed by Committee:

1. Two courses required, WGSS 306 Transgender Activism and Cultural Production and WGSS 345 Black Feminist and Black Queer Studies are new and will begin Fall 2022.
2. Remaining courses are already offered on a frequent basis and have capacity for students.
3. Prerequisite course requirement.
4. Monitoring process to ensure English courses completed include topics addressing “Women of Color Feminisms”.
5. Time-to-Certificate completion concerns.

Pros of Recommendation:

This Certificate will help students expand their knowledge of EDI issues by focusing on the lived experiences of women of color. The Certificate offers students an introduction to contemporary thought, criticisms, and writings by women of color.

Cons of Recommendation:

None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

The committee recommends approval of the credit bearing certificate in: Women of Color Feminisms (Code XXX-XXX) to be administered by the Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program.

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MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

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by a vote of 10 for to 0 against on December 14, 2021 (Date)

Recommends that:

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies program will offer a credit bearing certificate: Certificate in Women of Color Feminisms (Code XXX-XXX), starting with the 2022/23 AY

Implementation Date: 22/23 catalog

Signed: _____
Chair of the Committee

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