

# Program Change Request

## New Program Proposal

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Viewing: **WGSS-CRTU : Gender, Law & Policy**

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Changes proposed by: s504v757

**Academic Career** Undergraduate, Lawrence  
**Program Type** Certificate  
**Department/Program** Women,Gender,&Sexuality Std  
**School/College** College of Lib Arts & Sciences

**Consulting School(s)/College(s)**

**Consulting Department(s)**

**CIP Code**

**Program Name** Gender, Law & Policy

**Do you intend to offer a track(s)?**

No

**Location(s) of Instruction** Lawrence

**Do you intend for this program to be offered online?**

Yes

**Other Resources**  
[Describe Other Resources](#)  
 We currently offer several of these courses online and will continue to develop additional options until students can complete the entire certificate online.

**Effective Catalog** 2018-2019

### In Workflow

- A. CLAS Dean or Associate Dean**
- B. Provost's Office**
- C. CLAS Undergraduate Program and Course Coordinator**
- D. CUSA Subcommittee**
- E. CUSA Committee**
- F. CAC
- G. CLAS Final Approval
- H. OIRP CIP Approval
- I. Provost's Office
- J. Future Academic Catalog

### Approval Path

- A. 02/10/18 8:01 pm  
Karen Ledom (kjh): Approved for CLAS Dean or Associate Dean
- B. 03/27/18 5:46 pm  
Aileen Ball (aball): Approved for Provost's Office
- C. 03/28/18 8:16 am  
Rachel Schwien (rschwien): Approved for CLAS Undergraduate Program and Course Coordinator
- D. 09/18/18 4:47 pm  
Bridget Bradley (bbradley): Approved for CUSA Subcommittee

**Program Description**

The Gender, Law & Policy certificate will provide undergraduate students from across the university an opportunity to develop meaningful expertise on how legal institutions and public policy intersect with issues in women, gender, and sexuality studies. It introduces basic concepts in WGSS, provides an integrative framework in a required core course, and invites students to expand their knowledge around related issues such as gender violence, reproductive health, and migration policy. Altogether, it offers not only the focused study on intersecting issues in gender, law, and policy, but would also emphasize a uniquely interdisciplinary approach to these topics.

**Demand/Need for the Program**

This program should appeal to students in other social science and humanities majors, as well as those in the School of Social Welfare, the School of Public Affairs and Administration, and the School of Business. Courses that we currently offer on Gender, Law & Policy enjoy student enrollments from well outside our usual majors, so this certificate would provide the opportunity for those students to develop a more structured expertise on these precise topics across several courses.

**Comparative/Locational Advantage**

The School of Public Affairs has recently introduced a major in Law & Society, and our certificate would build on similar demand while focusing on gender and sexuality in particular, and using an interdisciplinary framework for that investigation, incorporating historical, ethnographic, literary, and social science approaches to these issues.

Other regional universities offer only minors in Women, Gender, and Sexuality studies, without any certificate-level programs, and none that focus on Gender, Law & Policy specifically.

**Admission Requirements**

Any student enrolled in the University of Kansas would be eligible for the certificate program.

**Degree Requirements**

**Total 12 Credit Hours, Including:**

- Introductory Course: 100+ level
- Elective: 300+ level
- Elective: 400+ level
- [WGSS 563](#) Gender, Sexuality and the Law (available online)

**Eligible WGSS Courses Include:**

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
<a href="#">WGSS 101</a>	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies	3
<a href="#">WGSS 111</a>	Introduction to Human Sexuality Studies	3
<a href="#">WGSS 319</a>	History, Women, and Diversity in the U.S.	3
<a href="#">WGSS 327</a>	Perspectives in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	3
<a href="#">WGSS 339</a>	Feminist Social Movements	3
<a href="#">WGSS 351</a>	Women and Leadership: The Legislative Process	3
<a href="#">WGSS 521</a>	Women and Violence	3
<a href="#">WGSS 562</a>	Women and Politics	3
<a href="#">WGSS 563</a>	Gender, Sexuality and the Law	3
<a href="#">WGSS 565</a>	Gender, Culture, and Migration	3
<a href="#">WGSS 600</a>	Contemporary Feminist Political Theory	3
<a href="#">WGSS 630</a>	Politics of Identity	3
<a href="#">WGSS 640</a>	Politics of Reproductive Policy	3
<a href="#">WGSS 650</a>	Service Learning in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies	3
<a href="#">WGSS 653</a>	Gender, War, and Peace	3
<a href="#">WGSS 662</a>	Gender and Politics in Africa	3

**Faculty Profile**

Name of Faculty and Rank	Highest Degree	Number of Faculty FTE
Stacey Vanderhurst, Assistant Professor	PhD	1

**Student Profile**

Anticipated student enrollment			
	Full Time	Part Time	Total
Year 1	20	5	25
Year 2	30	6	36

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Year 3	40	7	47								
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<p><b>Academic Support</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">None</p> <p><b>Facilities and Equipment</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">None</p> <p><b>Program Review, Assessment, Accreditation</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">These courses already are offered and assessed regularly as a part of the WGSS and HX curriculum. Many are also a part of the KU Core program.</p> <p><b>Costs, Financing</b></p>											
	<b>Salaries</b>	<b>OOE</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>						
<b>Year 1</b>	0	0	0	0	0						
<b>Year 2</b>	0	0	0	0	0						
<b>Year 3</b>	0	0	0	0	0						
<p><b>What is the source of the new funds?</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">No new funds are needed to offer the certificate</p>											

**Rationale for proposal** expertise. WGSS believes that we offer unique interdisciplinary perspectives on cross-cutting issues in law and public policy. We are eager to provide more students with a formal, meaningful curriculum addressing these issues. A fully online curriculum will be available to an especially wide range of students, and would pay for itself while also providing additional teaching and training opportunities for graduate students with related expertise.

**Additional Information** Every semester over the past 4 years, we have already offered at least 4 of these courses and as many as 9. This certificate would allow us to structure our existing course offerings into more meaningful experiences for undergraduates from other majors who enroll in some of our most popular and in-demand classes.

**Supporting Documents**

**Program Reviewer Comments**

**Karen Ledom (kjh) (02/07/18 12:45 pm):** WGSS has consulted with SPAA (Stacey Vanderhurst and Bradley Lane), and SPAA is supportive of this proposal.

**Bridget Bradley (bbradley) (09/18/18 4:47 pm):** Approved by Policy and Awards to move forward to CUSA on 9/18/18

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