

**GEORGIA COLLEGE & STATE UNIVERSITY  
DEGREE PROGRAM and CURRICULUM CHANGES PROPOSAL COVER SHEET**

<b>PROPOSAL: Rename Women's Studies minor to Women's and Gender Studies (WGST)</b>	
<b>COLLEGE: ARTS &amp; SCIENCES</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT: Philosophy and Liberal Studies</b>
<b>DEGREE: B.A. (In some Liberal Studies tracks)</b>	<b>CIP CODE:</b>
<b>MAJOR: Liberal Studies Tracks that include "gender"</b>	<b>MINOR: Women's Studies</b>
<b>CONCENTRATION NAME: 1) Gender and Sexuality &amp; 2) Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Studies</b>	<b>PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: (semester/year) : Aug. 1 2016</b>
<p>Description and Rationale for Recommended Action (attach additional pages if needed, this description will be shared at all levels in the University, and the University System and SACS Offices): The women's studies advisory board voted to make this name change that reflects international trends in the field. In Women's and Gender Studies we study women and men, the relations between women, between men and between the two from a feminist perspective. From one perspective, studying women, women's history, women's literature, women's lives, necessarily involves comparative analysis of what has been the dominant focus of all study in academia – men. Some believe it impossible to discuss women as separate from social practices such as power inequities, differences in roles, etc. Gender studies allows us to look at interpersonal and societal practices that create or construct women's and men's behavior and to look at men as equally gendered and socially constructed. More and more people are coming to believe that gender, like race, is a social construction, and studying the full interactions, implications, and history of gender is a part of most courses previously called "women's studies."</p>	

**Action Item (Check one.)**

- New Major, Minor, Certificate, or Concentration
- Rename Major, Minor, Certificate, or Concentration
- Deactivate/Discontinue Major, Minor, Certificate, or Concentration
- New Degree or Graduation Requirement
- General Education Requirement or Change
- Curricular Change that Impacts Multiple Colleges
- Modify Existing Major, Minor, Certificate, Concentration Requirements

**All required documentation must be attached. (Electronic MS Word files with supporting documents are required at each level of review)**

Reviewing entity	"•" denotes necessary routing.				Signature and Date	Recommend	*Not Recommended
	Major (new, modify, rename, deactivate)	Concentration or Certificate (new, modify, rename, deactivate)	Minor (new, modify, rename, deactivate)	General Education or Curricular Change affecting multiple colleges			
Chair, Department Curriculum Committee	•	•	•	•	Sunita Manian April 8, 2011 <i>lp</i>	X	

Department Office Department Chair	•	•	•	•	Sunita Manlan April 8, 2016	X	
Chair, College Curriculum Committee	•	•	•	•	Walter Isaac April 8, 2016	X	
Dean's Office Dean	•	•	•	•	Kenneth J. Procter May 11, 2016	X	
Graduate Council (as appropriate for Graduate Curriculum)	•	•		•	NA		
Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee of University Senate	•	•	•	•	Lyndell Muschell 10/7/16		
University Senate	•	•		•			
Academic Affairs Provost Office	•	•		•			
President	•			•			
USG/BOR Review/Information Item	•	•	•	•			
SACSCOC Notification	•	•	•				

\*A "Not Recommend" recommendation should include reviewer rationale and recommended action.