## CURRICULUM TRANSMITTAL COVER PAGE

Department: Behavioral Science Date: 9/16/2022

Title Of Course/Degree/Concentration/Certificate:

## WGSS Concentration

## Change (s) Initiated: (Please check)

$\square$ Closing of Degree
$\square$ Closing of Certificate
$\square$ New Certificate Proposal
$\square$ New Degree Proposal
$\square$ New Course
$\square$ New 82 Course (Pilot Course)
$\square$ Deletion of Courses)
$\square$ Change in Degree or Certificate
$\square$ Change in Degree: Adding Concentration
$\square$ Change in Degree: Deleting Concentration
$\square$ Change in Prerequisite, Corequisite, and/or Pre/Co-requisite
$\square$ Change in Course Designation
$\square$ Change in Course Description
$\square$ Change in Course Title, Number, Credits and/or Hours
$\square$ Change in Academic Policy
$\square$ Pathways Submission:
$\square$ Life and Physical Science
$\square$ Math and Quantitative Reasoning
$\square$ A. World Cultures and Global Issues
$\square$ B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity
$\square$ C. Creative Expression
$\square$ D. Individual and Society
$\square$ E. Scientific World
$\square$ Change in Program Learning Outcomes
$\square$ Other (please describe): $\qquad$

## PLEASE ATTACH MATERIAL TO ILLUSTRATE AND EXPLAIN ALL CHANGES

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTION

Action by Department and/or Departmental Committee, if required:
Date Approved: $\underline{9 / 16 / 2022 ~}_{\text {Signature, Committee Chairperson:_Stuart Parker }}$
If submitted Curriculum Action affects another Department, signature of the affected Departments) is required:

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I have reviewed the attached material/proposal
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Stuart Parker

Brooklyn's Only Community College
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES
Dr. Stuart Parker, Chairperson

## MEMO

To: Curriculum Committee
From: Stuart Parker Dominic Wetzel - Coordinator
Re: Proposed changes to the Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies Concentration Program Requirements.

## Overview:

The recent WGS program review noted several challenges in the existing program of study for the concentration:

- The difficulty for students in finding the Intro course when it is located in the History department.
- The lack of alignment with other concentrations offered by the College in terms of \# of courses required.
- The need to ensure that students get a broad overview of the field.
- The difficulty within CUNYFirst of crediting a particular section of a course such as ENG 2400 that may be taught by a WGSS faculty member with a WGSS theme toward a student's WGSS program requirements.

These difficulties have prompted the changes described below.

## Changes:

## Under Major Requirements:

1. The major requirements have been changed to the Concentration-only version of 21 credits that is concurrently being proposed by the Liberal Arts Chairs Subcommittee. This includes the proposed Liberal Arts Seminar.
2. A note regarding double dipping. "Students enrolled in a Concentration cannot use the following required courses to also satisfy a CUNY Flexible Core Requirement."
3. The following note will be included in the catalog. "*These courses have a prerequisite. To fulfill the prerequisite, students should select the prerequisite course that meets their major requirement OR select the prerequisite course that meets their CUNY Flexible Core requirement.

## Under Concentration Requirements:

1. The structure of the Concentration is being changed to a 3 course, 9 credit format in keeping with all of the Liberal Arts Concentrations.
2. A new introductory course, BEH 2100: Introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies which will replace HIS 6600 - Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies, which is being discontinued.
3. The courses within the concentration are being organized into two Groups - a Social Science Group and a Humanities Group. Students will be required to select one course from each Group to fulfill the requirements for the concentration.
4. As part of the reorganization several course changes are proposed:
a. BIO 2800 - Biology of Women will be removed from the concentration.
b. POL 7500 - Women and Politics will be added to the Social Science Group within the concentration.
c. PHI 6500 - Philosophy of Sex and Gender - a new course proposed by the History, Philosophy and Political Science Department, will be added to the Humanities Group.
5. All of the courses that are currently included in the Concentration as particular sections as a consequence of particular instructors will be removed from the concentration. This model has become operationally unmanageable.
6. A note will also be included in this section: "*Transfer students with 15 or more credits and students coded into the Allied Health Student Group are not required to take the Liberal Arts Seminar (LAS) and instead will take 3 credits of Electives. Consultation with an academic advisor is HIGHLY recommended for students meeting this criteria."

## Rationale:

These changes to the program requirements will make the concentration;

- clearer to students,
- aligned with all of the other Liberal Arts concentrations offered by the College,
- provide a simple and clear overview of the field,
- much easier for faculty to participate in, and contribute to,
- provide students with a basis for transferring to any of the programs listed below.

Community Colleges

- Borough of Manhattan Community College - Gender and Women's Studies (Major)
- Queensborough Community College - Gender Studies (Concentration)
- LaGuardia Community College - Women and Gender Studies (Option)
- Hostos Community College - Women and Gender Studies (Option)


## Senior Colleges

- Hunter College - Women and Gender Studies (Major and Minor)
- Brooklyn College - Women's and Gender Studies (Major and Minor and
- Minor in LGBT Studies)
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice - Gender Studies (Major)
- Baruch College - Women and Gender Studies (Minor)
- The City College of New York - Women's Studies (Minor)
- New York City College of Technology - Gender and Sexuality Studies (Concentration)
- College of Staten Island - Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (Major and Minor)
- Queens College - Women and Gender Studies (Major and Minor)
- Lehman College - Women's Studies (Minor)
- York College - Women's and Gender Studies (Minor)
- CUNY BA for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies (Major in Gender Studies and LGBTQ Studies or create major within similar name and focus)


## CURRENT WITH REVISIONS

| Add/Delete/Change | A.A. LIBERAL ARTS - ALL OTHER CONCENTRATIONS (EXCLUDING GENERAL) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | HEGIS: 5649.00 |  |
|  | PROGRAM CODE: 01044 |  |
|  | CUNY CORE | CREDITS |
|  | REQUIRED CORE: (4 Courses, 12 Credits) | 12 |
|  | When Required Core courses are specified for a category, they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major. |  |
|  | ENG 1200 Composition I | 3 |
|  | ENG 2400 Composition II | 3 |
|  | $\pm$ Mathematical \& Quantitative Reasoning | 3 |
|  | $\pm$ Life and Physical Sciences | 3 |
|  | FLEXIBLE CORE: (6 Courses, 18 Credits) | 18 |
|  | When Flexible Core courses are specified for a category, they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major. One course from each Group A to E. and one (1) additional course from any group. No more than two courses can be selected from the same discipline |  |
|  | A. World Cultures and Global Issues |  |
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|  | C. Creative Expression |  |
|  | D. Individual \& Society |  |
|  | $\pm$ E. Scientific World |  |
|  | $\pm$ Plus another course selected from any Group A - E |  |


| CHANGE | DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: ( 07 Courses, 2721 Credits) | 2721 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CHANGE | To complete the degree within sixty (6) credits students must select courses that fulfill Hajor, Concentration, AND Flexible Core Requirements. No more than four (4) of the following nine (9) course may also satisfy a Floxible Core Requirement. Students enrolled in a Concentration cannot use the following required courses to also satisfy a CUNY Flexible Core Requirement. |  |
|  | Art or | 03 |
|  | Media and Film Studies or |  |
|  | Music or |  |
|  | Theatre |  |
|  | AND |  |
|  | Speech | 03 |
| ADD | AND |  |
| ADD | Literature or | 03 |
| ADD | Philosophy |  |
| DELETE | Philosophy | 03 |
|  | - |  |
| ADD | AND |  |
| ADD | U.S. Politics or | 03 |
| ADD | U.S. History |  |
|  | - |  |
| DELETE | U.S. History | 03 |
| - | - | - |
| ADD | AND | - |
|  |  | - |
| ADD | Psychology or | 03 |
| - | Sociology |  |
| - | - | - |
| DELETE | Sociology | 03 |
|  |  |  |
|  | AND |  |
|  | World History or | 03 |
|  | Anthropology or |  |
|  | World Languages and Cultures |  |
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| ADD | AND |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ADD | Liberal Arts Seminar (LAS)* | 03 |
| CHANGE | WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES CONCENTRATION (04 3 Courses, 129 Credits) | 129 |
| CHANGE | To complete the degree within sixty (60) credits, students must select courses that fulfill Major, Concentration, and CUNY Flexible Core requirements. Students enrolled in a Concentration cannot use the following required courses to also satisfy a CUNY Flexible Core Requirement. |  |
| DELETE | HIS 6600-Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies | 3 |
| ADD | BEH 2100 - Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | 3 |
|  | AND |  |
| CHANGE | Select three (3) two (2) courses, one (1) course from each of the following two Groups courses in Women's and Gender Studies from the following courses (09 6 credits): | 096 |
| ADD | Group I: Social Sciences (select one course) | 3 |
| ADD | ANT 3900 - Sexuality and Culture* |  |
| DELETE | ART 3900 - History of Women in Art |  |
| DELETE | B10 2800-Biology of Women |  |
| DELETE | ENG 6700-Women and Literature |  |
| DELETE | HIS 6800-U.S. Women's History |  |
| ADD | PSY 3700 - Psychology of Gender* |  |
| ADD | SOC 3800 - Sociology of Gender* |  |
| ADD | POL 7500 - Women and Politics |  |
| ADD | AND |  |
| ADD | Group II: Humanities (select one course) | 3 |
| ADD | ART 3900 - History of Women in Art |  |
| ADD | ENG 6700 - Women and Literature |  |
| ADD | PHI 6500 - Philosophy of Sex and Gender |  |
| DELETE | Women's and Gender Studies sections of the following courses: |  |
| DELETE | MCF 4400 - Film and Society |  |
| DELETE | MCM 3000-Mass Media |  |
| DELETE | AlUS 3100 - Introduction to Music |  |
| DELETE | PSY 1100-General Psychology |  |
| DELETE | SOC 3100-Introduction to Sociology |  |
| ADD | Note: |  |
|  | *These courses have a prerequisite. To fulfill the prerequisite, students should select the prerequisite course that meets their major requirement OR select the prerequisite course that meets their CUNY Flexible Core requirement. |  |


|  |  | 60 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | ELECTIVES: 0 to-15-credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits. | $0-15$ |
|  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL CREDITS: 60 |  |
|  | Note: | TTransfer students with 15 or more credits and students coded into the Allied <br> ADD |
|  | Health Student Group are not required to take the Liberal Arts Seminar (LAS) and <br> instead will take 3 credits of Electives. Consultation with an academic advisor is <br> HIGHLY recommended for students meeting this criteria. | World Languages proficiency through the 200-level is recommended for students <br> who do not have native fluency, or have not successfully completed three years of <br> one foreign language in high school and passed the Regents Level 3 language <br> exam. These students may take a 100-level World Language as a Flexible Core: <br> World Cultures and Global Issues (Group A) Pathways requirement and a 200-level <br> World Language as a major requirement. Other concentrations may be able to do <br> as listed above. |
|  | For concentrations other than General, it is recommended that you speak with <br> your academic advisor. |  |

Proposed

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| Students enrolled in a Concentration cannot use the following required courses to also satisfy a CUNY Flexible Core Requirement. |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| BEH 2100 - Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies | 3 |
| AND |  |
| Select two (2) courses, one (1) course from each of the following two Groups 6 credits): | 6 |
| Group I: Social Sciences (select one course) | 3 |
| ANT 3900 - Sexuality and Culture* |  |
| PSY 3700 - Psychology of Gender* |  |
| SOC 3800 - Sociology of Gender* |  |
| POL 7500 - Women and Politics |  |
| AND |  |
| Group II: Humanities (select one course) | 3 |
| ART 3900 - History of Women in Art |  |
| ENG 6700 - Women and Literature |  |
| PHI 6500 - Philosophy of Sex and Gender |  |
| Note: |  |
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|  | 60 |
| ELECTIVES: 0 credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits. | 0 |
| TOTAL CREDITS: 60 |  |
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