

Elective Courses with Meredith College Women's Studies Program

Dear Faculty,

The Women's Studies Advisory has developed criteria for approving elective courses in Women's Studies. This has been, in part, an effort to bring academic coherency to our interdisciplinary program and cross-listed curriculum.

In order to do this we have developed a set of overall learning outcomes for the major and we review courses to determine the extent to which they address the objectives of the program.

We have appreciated your past support and hope that you will continue to offer courses that can be part of the Women's Studies major.

Designating Elective Courses with Women's Studies

The process is to provide to the Women's Studies Advisory Board a syllabus of your course, and A BRIEF response that addresses how your course meets one or more of the following listed criteria of the program outcomes:

- **analyze the complex ways in which gender is socially constructed and contextualized within different dimensions of experience--particularly family, race, ethnicity, class, and sexuality;**

- **examine complex situations of women in diverse cultures and their interdependence in an era of globalization;**
- **critique the socially constructed and situated nature of knowledge, and claims of truth;**
- **explore their own voice by connecting theory and practice--intellectually, ethically, politically, personally, and professionally;**
- **connect Women's Studies to the history of feminist movements and contemporary scholarship; and**
- **apply research methodologies to generate epistemological perspectives in Women's Studies.**

As a Women's Studies course the expectation is that courses will:

Engage students with scholarship in women's studies appropriate to the field and attend to scholarship on women throughout the course (rather than being isolated to one segment).

Your participation will broaden and strengthen Women's Studies at Meredith and help to make it one that is coherent, connected and shared.

If you have questions, you may contact me at shapiros@meredith.edu or 760-2857. Please forward your responses to me.

I look forward to working with you,

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