

Template: Request to Disestablish/Merge a Degree Program

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>BA in Women's Studies</b>
<b>CIP Code</b>	<b>05.0207</b>
<b>College</b>	<b>New College of Interdisciplinary Arts &amp; Sciences</b>
<b>University</b>	<b>ASU's West campus</b>
<b>Date of Request</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>
<b>Background</b>	<p><i>History of program, years in place, factors that led to request</i></p> <p>The West campus Women's Studies program has been in place since 1992-93. As part of a university-wide effort, the Provost's Office convened faculty work groups to align similar courses and programs offered by multiple colleges. Faculty from the New College Women's Studies Program and the Liberal Arts and Sciences Women and Gender Studies Program met over several months to align their BA/BS, Minor and Certificate Programs. This request to disestablish the BA in Women's Studies is part of finalizing work group's final recommendations.</p>
<b>Rationale</b>	<p><i>Rationale for the change</i></p> <p>The purpose of this request is to disestablish the BA in Women's Studies. The undergraduate West campus Women's Studies programs and the Tempe campus Women and Gender Studies programs have been aligned. Both campuses will offer the BA in Women and Gender Studies, Minor in Women and Gender Studies and Certificate in Women and Gender Studies with a similar structure (e.g., core courses, same number of credits). Because Women and Gender Studies was the preferred name, the Tempe Campus BA in Women and Gender Studies has become a university program offered by multiple colleges. Thus, the West campus BA in Women's Studies is no longer needed in the ASU academic program inventory.</p>
<b>Review process</b>	<p><i>Review process at institution for determining to disestablish</i></p> <p>The Division of Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies, has received approvals from the following constituents: WST faculty from West and Tempe campuses, the Dean of New College, and the Provost's office (via the alignment process university-wide).</p>
<b>Numbers of Students Affected/ Plans for Current Students</b>	<p><i>Est. of numbers of students still enrolled; anticipated date of last graduates; arrangements for continuing students.</i></p> <p>Students currently enrolled in the BA in Women's Studies program will be able to complete the degree without delay (currently there are 12 students in the BA program). New students will pursue the BA in Women and Gender Studies. Therefore, there will be no negative impact on current (or newly admitted) students, as the course offerings will continue without interruption.</p>

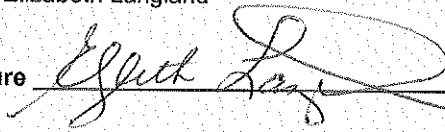
<b>Impact on Department/Institution</b>	<p><i>Could include Availability of course content for students in other majors who may need it; faculty displacement; other.</i></p> <p>Any impact on the division is predicted to be positive, as the program name change from Women's Studies to Women and Gender Studies will attract broader student interest and participation.</p>
<b>Budgetary Impact</b>	<p><i>Will there be a cost savings with this change?</i></p> <p>None</p>

### DEAN APPROVAL

This proposal has been approved by all necessary unit and College/School levels of review.

**College/School Dean name:** Elizabeth Langland

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**Date:** 3/29/2010