

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
Academic Senate

**Resolution on Transforming Two Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) Major Options
(Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies) into a new IS Major Option: *Critical Race,
Gender, and Sexuality Studies***

Resolution #01-10/11-ICC
August 24, 2010

Resolved: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Provost that Curriculum Proposals 09-300 to 09-324 be approved in order to transform the existing Interdisciplinary Studies (IS) Major Options (Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies) into a new IS Major Option: *Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*.

Rationale: The new IS-CRGS Major Option offers a strengthened curriculum and a more cost-effective course structure. See the attached information from the ICC.

PASSED – August 24, 2010 – Academic Senate
APPROVED – September 28, 2010 – Provost and Vice President for Academic
Affairs

The full program proposal, ***“IS Major Option in Critical Race, Gender and Sexuality Studies”*** (11 p.) is available on the *ICC SharePoint site.

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<https://its-sharepoint.humboldt.edu/sites/dold/icc/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

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Interdisciplinary Studies - Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Information

The ICC recommends approving the new Interdisciplinary Studies – Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Major. This is a revision/combination of the existing IS options in Ethnic Studies and Women’s Studies plus the elevation of the Multicultural Queer studies minor to an pathway within the new IS-CRGS major. In addition, AMP would like to encourage encourages CRGS to begin the paperwork for becoming a “stand-alone” (not Interdisciplinary Studies) major as soon as CRGS has established sufficiently high enrollments to justify the application for a new Major.

Summary of Issues considered in making this Recommendation:

- 1. The Name: Will students be attracted to Critical Race, Gender, and Sexuality Studies rather than the more specific Women’s Studies, Ethnic Studies, etc.? Answers: The Discipline is moving in the direction of a more combined approach, so this name reflects current trends. We will retain course prefixes of WS and ES, as well as catalog cross-references that direct students interested in those subjects to the IS-CRGS Major. Finally, all the CRGS fields are ones that students most typically discover after taking a GE class in the discipline, so the question of “will high school students know what CRGS is” is mostly not relevant.*
- 2. Given the relatively small numbers of graduates from Ethnic Studies, will CRGS be able to reach the needed enrollment to permit the classes in the Pathways to be offered? Based on course enrollments during past several years, there should be no problem. Students from various majors take these courses, so they have much healthier enrollments than the number of majors would suggest.*

09-300 Background and summary of CRGS changes

09-301: Multicultural Queer Studies Minor

new course requirements

09-302: Women’s Studies Minor

new course requirements

- 09-303: ES 353: Intro to Asian American Studies** - suspend course
- 09-304: ES 420: Community Research** – suspend course
- 09-305: WE 400: Integration Femininity and Masculinity** suspend course
- 09-306: WS 305: Feminist Science Fiction** - suspend course
- 09-307: WS 311: WS Theory and Practice** suspend course
- 09-308: WS 365: Women Writing Nature** - suspend course
- 09-309: WS 108: Power/Privilege: Gender, Race, Class, Sex** change course number to CRGS 108
- 09-310: ES 108: Power/Privilege: Gender, Race, Class, Sex** delete course
- 09-311: ES 491: Mentoring** change course number to CRGS 491
- 09-312: WS 360: Race, Gender and U.S. Law** change course number to CRGS 360
- 09-313: ES 360: Race, Gender and U.S. Law** delete course
- 09-314: WS 410: Internship** change course number to CRGS 410
- 09-315: WS 330: Ethnic Women in America** change course number to CRGS 330. Change course title to Women of Color Feminisms, add pre-requisites (CRGS 108, ES 105, WS 106, WS 107), new course description: “Resistance and activism of women of color in US relative to race/sex/gender/class oppressions; intersectional analysis, theory in the flesh, womanism, feminism. Rotating focus: Chicana, Black, Indigenous, Asian-American, transnational feminisms.”
- 09-316: ES 330: Ethnic Women in America** delete course
- 09-317: WS 313: Education for Action** – change course number to CRGS 313, change title to “Community Activism,” new course description: “Develop organizational and activist skills, understand how social change occurs, link theory to concrete organizing practice in the community. Course blends critical analysis of organizing theories/methods with hand-on projects.”
- 09-318: ES 313: Education for Action** – delete course
- 09-319: WS 320: Act to End Sexual Violence Seminar** – new course proposal. Course description: “Transform our campus communities so that sexualized violence is an unthinkable act. Class project focus rotates: grant writing, peer education, assessment of prevention education.”
- 09-320: ES 310: US & Mexico Border** unit change from 3 to 4 units in order to add 15 hours of additional work on writing
- 09-321: ES 390: Theory and Methods**, change course number to CRGS 390, change C-class from C-3 and c-78 to C-3 (which adds an additional hour of class meeting time), add prerequisites, new course description
- 09-322: ES 306: World Regions Cultural Studies** new course proposal
- 09-323: CRGS 485: Senior Portfolio** – new course proposal
- 09-324: WS 419: Family Violence** new course proposal