

9.9. *Women Studies – Charter*

9.9.1. *Mission*

The Women Studies Program (WSP) at Central Washington University promotes and disseminates scholarship on women and gender, in order to increase understanding of the contemporary and historical experience, roles, and contributions of both women and men.

Knowledge about and sensitivity to women and gender issues is an important addition to any career path, but is also an important element in the general education of Central students. The Women Studies Program has offered the popular Introduction to Women Studies course within the general education program since the fall of 1986.

Target Population

The Women Studies Program is directed toward two primary groups of undergraduate students. First, toward students in general education who have an interest in women's and/or gender issues. Secondly, toward students who pursue a minor in order to develop special expertise in women/gender studies that will enhance professional preparation in association with their major programs (e.g. Anthropology, Arts, Biological Science, Business, English, Communication, Family & Consumer Studies, Philosophy, General Studies, History, Law & Justice, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Theatre Arts, etc.).

9.9.2. *Objectives*

One of the shared values of CWU is to nurture a recognition of and respect for the diversity within our state, our nation, and the world. Consistent with the mission of the University, the objectives of the Women Studies Program are:

- To explore existing knowledge about women and gender in a variety of disciplines.
- To assess critically the traditional disciplines in the light of new data concerning women and gender.
- To provide an academic foundation for students planning careers in women studies or related fields.
- To increase the number of disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses in Women Studies.
- To promote research and scholarship about women and gender within existing disciplines.
- To foster an awareness of the diversity of women's experience.

9.9.3. *Residence*

The Women Studies Program resides within the College of the Sciences.

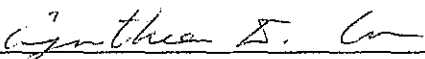
9.9.4. *Program Specific Provisions*

University policy pertains, with these provisions:

9.9.4.1. Women Studies Program Faculty

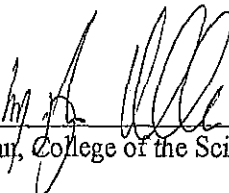
- 9.9.4.1.1. Program Faculty: Tenured or tenure-track faculty members who teach on recurring basis (e.g., at least one course for the minor in each two year cycle) are eligible to be program faculty. This definition may be modified to suit the needs of the Women Studies Program in its charter. The program faculty status will be reviewed on an annual basis.

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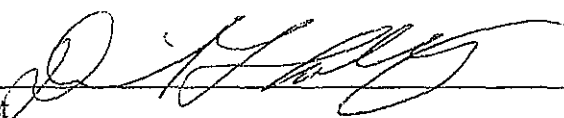
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