

New Program Proposal

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Program Status	Active		
Academic Level	Graduate		
Type of proposal	Certificate		
Select a reason for this new program	Adding New Graduate Certificate (12-21 semester hours)--(LON)		
Effective Catalog Year	Fall 2023		
College/School Code	Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences (ARSC)		
Department Code	Gender Studies (GNST)		
Program Code	GNSTGC		
Degree	Graduate Certificate		
CIP Code			

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2. GRAD Dean Initial

3. Provost Initial

4. Director of Curriculum Review and Program Assessment

5. Registrar Initial

6. Institutional Research

7. GNST Chair

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9. ARSC Dean

10. Global Campus

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13. Faculty Senate

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05.9999 - Area, Ethnic, Cultural, Gender, and Group Studies, Other.

#### Program Title

Gender Studies Graduate Certificate

#### Program Delivery

##### Method

On Campus

Is this program interdisciplinary?

No

Does this proposal impact any courses from another College/School?

No

What are the total      12  
hours needed to  
complete the  
program?

## Program Requirements and Description

#### Requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies is designed for students currently enrolled in a graduate program (masters or doctoral level) at the University of Arkansas who want to expand their traditional disciplinary training and enrich their understanding on the study of gender and sexuality. The Graduate Certificate provides

knowledge from various methodological approaches including quantitative methods, qualitative methods and textual methods. Courses explore sex and gender differences and such concepts as masculinity and femininity, essence and performance; distributions of power, work, and resources; and the symbolic representation of gender and identity in literature, religion, and art. The Graduate Certificate is often chosen by students interested in investigating materials that challenge the traditional separation of academic theory from political and professional experience.

A total of 12 credit hours from the following:

Choose one course from the following:		3
<a href="#"><u>GNST 5443</u></a>	Queer Theor(ies)	
<a href="#"><u>GNST 5653</u></a>	Feminist Texts and Theories	
Choose three courses from the following:		9
<a href="#"><u>AAST 6023</u></a>	Destabilizing Queer Theory	
<a href="#"><u>ANTH 5293</u></a>	Identity and Culture in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands	
<a href="#"><u>ARED 5013</u></a>	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Art Education	
<a href="#"><u>ARED 6023</u></a>	Destabilizing Queer Theory	
<a href="#"><u>ARED 6033</u></a>	Transnational Feminist Perspectives in Art and Education	
<a href="#"><u>ARHS 6413</u></a>	Greek Art and Archaeology	
<a href="#"><u>ARHS 6423</u></a>	Roman Art and Archaeology	
<a href="#"><u>ENGL 5593</u></a>	Advanced Studies in Gender, Sexuality, and Literature	
<a href="#"><u>ENGL 6593</u></a>	Seminar in Gender, Sexuality, and Literature	
<a href="#"><u>GNST 5443</u></a>	Queer Theor(ies) (if not taken above)	
or <a href="#"><u>WLIT 5443</u></a>	Queer Theor(ies)	
<a href="#"><u>GNST 5653</u></a>	Feminist Texts and Theories (if not taken above)	
<a href="#"><u>HIST 5603</u></a>	U.S. Labor History to 1877	
<a href="#"><u>HIST 5653</u></a>	Antebellum America, 1828-1850	
<a href="#"><u>HIST 5943</u></a>	U.S. Labor History, from 1877-present	
<a href="#"><u>HIST 6013</u></a>	The Era of the French Revolution	
<a href="#"><u>HIST 6033</u></a>	Society and Gender in Modern Europe	
<a href="#"><u>HIST 6513</u></a>	New Women in the Middle East	
<a href="#"><u>HIST 7123</u></a>	Research Seminar in History (topics related to gender studies)	
<a href="#"><u>PHIL 5323</u></a>	Philosophy of Race and Gender	

[PHIL 5333](#)

Feminist Philosophy

[RUSS 5113](#)

Special Themes in Russian (topics related to gender studies)

[SCWK 5213](#)

Advanced Practice in Behavioral and Mental Health

[THTR 5733](#)

History of the Theatre II

[WLIT 6703](#)

Psychoanalysis and Culture

or any related course as approved by the director of the program.

Total Hours

12

Program Costs

N/A

Library Resources

N/A

Instructional

Facilities

N/A

Faculty Resources

N/A

List Existing Certificate or Degree Programs  
that Support the Proposed Program

Are Similar Programs available in the area?

No

Estimated Student      20-30  
Demand for Program

Scheduled Program      2030-2031  
Review Date

Program Goals and  
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Advantages of Pursuing a Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies:

- A credential for academic positions requiring training or expertise in Gender Studies.
- A pipeline credentialing for non-academic positions that require an experience with issues pertaining to Gender diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Advising and mentorship opportunities within the Gender Studies community of Northwest Arkansas.
- Cross-campus networking opportunities with students and faculty producing Gender research across college.
- Expanded internship opportunities
- Service-learning opportunities

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The Gender Studies Programs offers an interdisciplinary graduate certificate based and gender studies theory and methodology. The curriculum allows students to pursue the study of women and gender, along with other social, political, and economic factors to complement student learning in discipline-based programs.

The Graduate Certificate complements disciplinary education and prepares students for career opportunities that necessitate understanding of an increasingly diverse and interconnected world. Graduates with this certificate will be well-situated to balance between academic theory and professional practice.

The graduate certificate program:

- Provides theory and analysis within course content on gender as it relates with ethnicity, class, and sexuality.
- Encourages students to learn about the role and importance of social, political, and economic power in the opportunities and limitations of people’s lives.
- Enables students to complement their program of studies by adding analyses of women/gender to other fields of inquiry.
- Furnished opportunities to work on research projects and in research teams that will complement students’ discipline-specific courses.
- Offers a professional credential to supplement other programs of study.

Description and Justification for this request

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Creating a new graduate certificate in Gender Studies.	The graduate students who have taken GNST 5653 Feminist Texts and Theories and GNST 5443 Queer Theor(ies) have been requesting a Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies for numerous years. They appreciate the interdisciplinary course content and the innovative quantitative, qualitative, and textual methodologies that expand their research opportunities. They have shared that a Graduate Certificate in Gender Studies would make them more marketable in both the professional and academic world after the university. Moreover, they enjoy the ability to network with others from various disciplines and colleges across campus and with external speakers who will help connect them to larger professional networks across the country.

## Upload attachments

[GNSTGC Documentation.docx](#)

[GNSTGC - New Graduate Certificate - Ltr of Notification.pdf](#)

[GNSTGC - New Graduate Certificate -Curriculum.docx](#)

## Reviewer Comments

**Alice Griffin (agriffin) (10/27/22 3:36 pm):** Attached curriculum into the LON. Inserted anticipated approval dates and renamed document to match BOT naming convention.

**Gina Daugherty (gdaugher) (10/27/22 4:05 pm):** Removed Undergraduate Council from workflow.

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