Proposal for a Non-WSGS Course to Count toward the WSGS Graduate Certificate or Concentration

Guidelines
At least one half of your course, either through what is already offered, or through supplemental work, should apply to the criteria for WSGS courses (see criteria below). Please type a brief proposal that addresses the following:

• What reading assignments in the course already apply to the criteria for WSGS courses? Please also attach a copy of the course syllabus.

• What additional readings will you do to supplement your focus on WSGS issues in the course? Please be specific (title, author, possible description).

• How will you carry out your assignments in the course so that they apply to the criteria for WSGS courses? (You do not have to know the specific topics of your papers, presentations, etc., but you should be able to explain how your focus will address WSGS issues.)

Criteria for Women’s and Gender Studies Courses
Courses in Women’s and Gender Studies incorporate one or more of the following criteria directly and employ the spirit of their meaning overall. (Application of the criteria is usually evident in the course description, learning objectives, text and reading selections, and/or types of assignments and learning assessments.) Courses will:

• focus on how women’s and men’s experiences within history, society, and culture are shaped by their gendered positions and how these gendered positions in turn shape women’s and men’s responses/reactions to experiences;

• examine institutional structures and structures of power in terms of their implications for women and men as gendered beings;

• engage with the established field of women’s and gender studies and the body of scholarship it has produced over the last thirty years;

• address ways in which a focus on women and/or gender allows for the rethinking of the given scholarly field or discipline.

Signature of Student: _____________________________________________________________

Signature of Course Instructor: ____________________________________________________

Signature of WSGS Director (upon approval of proposal): ________________________________