

CLAYTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
Professional Qualification Statement for Degree/Concentration/Certificate

Date:	11/11/09
College/School/Department:	College of Arts and Sciences, Office of Interdisciplinary Studies
Degree/Concentration/Certificate:	Degree: Minor in Women's Studies
Coordinator:	Wendy Burns-Ardolino, Director of the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies
Coordinator Responsibilities:	Work with faculty in proposing new courses and changes to the Women's Studies curriculum. Coordinate proposed curriculum changes for submission to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
Degrees:	PhD, Cultural Studies MA, English BA, Philosophy and Politics
Experience:	10 years of college and university teaching; service on curriculum committees; writing proposals for new courses; service as Chair of the Curriculum and Academic Policy Committee, service as coordinator for Integrative and Liberal Studies, responsible for coordinating curriculum change proposals and program proposals
Certifications:	
Courses taught at CSU:	WST 2500 Intro to Women's Studies, WST 3400 Gender, Culture and Globalization, WST 3500 Feminist Theory, CMS 3020 Research and Methods for CMS, MALS 5000 Intro to Graduate Research, INTE 3901 Internship Course, CMS 3810 Women and Popular Culture

Narrative Statement of Qualifications (to be completed by chair or dean):

1. What evidence exists that the coordinator has the qualifications and credentials for leadership in the development and review of the curriculum?

The coordinator has a PhD in Cultural Studies, an interdisciplinary degree with focus in the humanities and social sciences as well as a Master's Degree in English. She has 10 years of interdisciplinary teaching experience with 5 years experience in intensive advising and course development at the university level. She has chaired the Curriculum and Academic Policy Council, served on curriculum committees, and has been responsible for coordinating curriculum change proposals at a variety of administrative levels.

2. What evidence exists that the coordinator provides oversight for assessing the quality of the curriculum for the program and for ensuring that the curriculum and its delivery are educationally sound?

The curriculum for the Women's Studies Minor was approved by the Board of Regents in January of 2006. Since this time courses have been added to the minor to make it a vibrant and growing minor program. The eighteen (18) hour minor requires WST 2500 Intro to Women's Studies and WST 3500 Feminist Theory (nationally recognized benchmark courses for Women's Studies Programs) and 12 hours of upper division elective coursework. Elective courses are offered by a diverse faculty from a wide variety of disciplines including Health, Business, Communication and Media Studies, English, History, African American Studies, Psychology, Sociology, Art, Theatre, and Cultural Studies. The Women's Studies Minor at CSU is supported by a variety of academic programs, departments, schools and colleges and this interdisciplinarity undergirds its learning outcomes and programmatic goals. Audits of all WST course syllabi and classroom observations are conducted by the coordinator each semester.

