



**Women's Studies Program**  
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TO: Marilyn Sheerer – Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs  
Linner Griffin - Associate Provost, Academic Program Planning & Development

FROM: Marieke Van Willigen – Director, Women's Studies Program  
- Alan White – Dean, Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences

RE: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women's Studies

It is with great regret that we write to recommend the discontinuation of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women's Studies at East Carolina University effective Fall 2013. We will continue to offer our undergraduate and graduate minors in Women's Studies.

This decision was discussed and voted upon by the Executive Committee of the Women's Studies during the Fall 2012 semester. The Executive Committee and the Director have worked for a number of years to raise the number of majors in the program, so as to remove it from low productivity standing. While student credit hour generation has more than tripled in the last three years, the number of majors in the program has not increased.

It is the decision of the Executive Committee that the degree cannot be sustained without dedicated faculty lines to facilitate the offering of additional courses, student recruitment, and mentoring. As these lines are not forthcoming, the Committee feels that it has no other option but to discontinue the program.

cc. Michael Brown, Associate Dean, THCAS

APPENDIX D

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO DISCONTINUE A DEGREE PROGRAM

Date: March 11, 2013

Constituent Institution: East Carolina University

CIP Discipline Specialty Title: Women's Studies

CIP Discipline Specialty Number: 05.0207 Level: B X M    I    D   

Title of Authorized Program: Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies Degree Abbreviation: BA

Date of Proposed Discontinuation: month July year 2013

Does the discontinuation of the program involve the discontinuation of an off-site or online delivery of the program? Program NA Site or Online NA

If the program to be discontinued is offered at off-campus sites, please list them.

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) county state
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) county state
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) county state

Explain why the program is being discontinued. If the program addresses high priority needs, how will those needs be addressed by other programs? Describe steps to be taken to allow students enrolled in the program to complete their courses of study.

The Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies is being discontinued due to low productivity. The undergraduate and graduate minors in Women's Studies will remain. The Women's Studies Director will work with our one active major to ensure that she completes the program. As Women's Studies courses will continue to be offered, this will only necessitate the completion of the Senior Seminar course via independent study with the Director.

**Consequences of Discontinuation**

How many faculty members will be reassigned? None, the program has no faculty lines.

How many staff will be reassigned? None, the program has no staff lines.

How many EPA non-faculty will be reassigned? None, the program has no EPA non-faculty lines

How many faculty, staff, or EPA non-faculty will be discontinued? See above

How much funding is to be reallocated based on this discontinuation? The program has no permanent funding. Funding for this program is allocated annually from the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, which will retain control of these funds.

Name, title, telephone, and e-mail of contact person for this notification of discontinuation:  
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Signature of Chancellor (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_