MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Hamilton
    Associate Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Studies

FROM: Phyllis Peres
      Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to modify the Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies (PCC log no. 08005)

Your proposal to modify the Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The changes are effective Fall 2008. The College should ensure that the changes are fully described in the Undergraduate Catalog and in all relevant descriptive materials, and that all advisors are informed.

CWR/

Enclosure

cc: Carmen Balthrop, Chair, Senate PCC Committee
    Sarah Bauder, Office of Student Financial Aid
    Reka Montfort, University Senate
    Barbara Hope, Data Administration
    Denise Nadasen, Institutional Research & Planning
    Anne Turkos, Archives
    Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar
    Scott Wolpert, Undergraduate Studies
    Marilee Lindemann, LGBT Studies
THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK
PROGRAM/CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

DIRECTIONS:
- Provide one form with original approval signatures in lines 1 - 4 for each proposed action. Keep this form to one page in length.
- Early consultation with the Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning & Programs is strongly recommended if there are questions or concerns, particularly with new programs.
- Please submit the signed form to Claudia Rector, Office of the Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs, 1119 Main Administration Building, Campus.
- Please email the rest of the proposal as an MSWord attachment to pcc-submissions@umd.edu.

DATE SUBMITTED__8/8/08  PCC LOG NO. 08005

COLLEGE/SCHOOL__UGST

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM__LGBT

PROPOSED ACTION (A separate form for each) ADD____ DELETE_____ CHANGE____X____

DESCRIPTION (Provide a succinct account of the proposed action. Details should be provided in an attachment. Provide old and new sample programs for curriculum changes.)

We are making slight modifications to the requirements for the 21-credit upper-division certificate in LGBT Studies to get language and requirements in line with the recently approved 15-credit minor in LGBT Studies.

JUSTIFICATION/REASONS/RESOURCES (Briefly explain the reason for the proposed action. Identify the source of new resources that may be required. Details should be provided in an attachment.)

The main reason for the changes is to have consistency between the certificate and the minor. No new resources required.

APPROVAL SIGNATURES - Please print name, sign, and date

1. Department Committee Chair  William A. Cohen, Jr. 8/8/08
   Program Director

2. Department Chair  Marilce Lindeman  8/8/08

3. College/School PCC Chair  Scott Wolfe  8/31/08

4. Dean  Euan H. Hamilton  8/21/08

5. Dean of the Graduate School (if required)  

6. Chair, Senate PCC  

7. Chair of Senate  

8. Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost  8/28/08

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Certificate
2212 Marie Mount Hall, 301-405-5428
www.lgbts.umd.edu
Director: Dr. Marilee Lindemann

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Certificate Requirements:

A. Core curriculum for the LGBT Certificate (15 credits)

1. LGBT200 Introduction to Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Studies

2. One of the following:
   a. CMLT291/LGBT291
      International Perspectives on Lesbian and Gay Studies
   b. ENGL265/LGBT265
      Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Literature

3. One of the following:
   a. LGBT350
      LGBT People and Communication
   b. PHIL407/LGBT407
      Gay and Lesbian Philosophy
   c. WMST494/LGBT494
      Lesbian Communities and Differences

4. One of the following:
a. ENGL359/LGBT359
Special Topics in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Literatures

b. ENGL459/LGBT459
Selected Topics in Sexuality and Literature

c. ENGL465/LGBT465
Theories of Sexuality and Literature

5. One of the following:

a. LGBT488
Seminar in LGBT Studies

b. LGBT386
Supervised Internship - LGBT Community Organizations

B. Electives (6 credits)

Students choose 6 hours of elective credits in consultation with their advisor in LGBT Studies. At least 3 hours of elective credits must be from upper division courses (i.e., those numbered 300 or above). Students are encouraged to choose electives to complement their knowledge of LGBT people and issues by exploring disciplines that contrast with the major field of study. Students may select elective courses from the list of core courses above or from a list of approved courses. A student may also petition to have any other course fulfill this requirement by providing evidence, usually the syllabus, that a substantial amount of the course work, usually including a term paper, consists of LGBT material.

C. Each student must obtain a grade of C or better in each course that is to be counted toward the certificate.
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For more information, see Office of Undergraduate Studies section in Chapter 6.

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**Certificate Requirements (21 credits)**

**21 credits:** 15 credits are in **required courses**, while 6 credits are earned in two elective courses.

A. Required core curriculum for the Certificate in LGBT Studies (15 credits)

1. LGBT 200--Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies
2. One lower-level course focused on literature, art, or culture by or about LGBT people, either ENGL 265 or CMLT 291;

3. One of the following upper-division courses focused on the personal, social, political, and historical aspects of LGBT people: LGBT 350, PHIL 407, or WMST 494;

4. One of the following upper-division courses focused on literature, art, or culture by or about LGBT people: ENGL 359, 459, 465; or LGBT 327.

5. One of the following:
   a. LGBT488--Seminar in LGBT Studies
   b. LGBT386--Supervised Internship - LGBT Community Organizations

B. Elective courses for the Certificate in LGBT Studies (6 credits)

Students choose 6 hours of elective credits in consultation with their advisor in LGBT Studies. At least 3 hours of elective credits must be from upper-division courses (i.e., those numbered 300 or above). Students are encouraged to choose electives to complement their knowledge of LGBT people and issues by exploring disciplines that contrast with the major field of study. Students may select elective courses from the list of core courses above or from a list of approved courses maintained by the program. The list is updated regularly and available at http://www.lgpts.umd.edu/certificate.html. A student may also petition to have any other course fulfill this requirement by providing evidence, usually the syllabus, that a substantial amount of the course work, usually including a term paper, consists of LGBT material.

- Appropriate substitutions for courses listed in categories 2 through 4 may be made with approval from the Director of LGBT Studies.
- No course with an earned grade below "C" (2.0) will count toward the certificate in LGBT Studies.
- Students may use a maximum of nine credits (or three courses) to satisfy the requirements of both their major and the certificate in LGBT Studies.
- No more than nine of the required credits may be taken at an institution other than the University of Maryland, College Park.
- Students must declare the certificate in LGBT Studies to the Director of LGBT Studies one year prior to their intended graduation to assure appropriate advising and record-keeping.

Minor Requirements (15 credits)

15 credits: 12 credits are in required courses, while 3 credits are earned in one upper-level elective course.
1. LGBT 200--Introduction to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies

2. One lower-level course focused on literature, art, or culture by or about LGBT people, either ENGL 265 or CMLT 291;

3. One of the following upper-division courses focused on the personal, social, political, and historical aspects of LGBT people: LGBT 350, PHIL 407, or WMST 494;

4. One of the following upper-division courses focused on literature, art, or culture by or about LGBT people: ENGL 359, 459, 465; or LGBT 327.

B. Elective course for the Minor in LGBT Studies (3 credits)

An upper-division elective will complement the required courses. This elective may be a course from categories 3 and 4 above that has not been used to fulfill requirements; or it may be one of the capstone courses in LGBT Studies [LGBT 386 or LGBT 488], or a course chosen from the list of approved electives for the LGBT Studies program. The list of approved electives is available at http://www.lgbts.umd.edu/certificate.html. A student may also petition to have any other course fulfill this requirement by providing evidence, usually the syllabus, that a substantial amount of the course work, usually including a term paper, consists of LGBT material.

- Appropriate substitutions for courses listed in categories 2 through 4 above may be made with approval from the Director of LGBT Studies.
- No course with an earned grade below "C" (2.0) will count toward the minor in LGBT Studies.
- Students may use a maximum of six credits (or two courses) to satisfy the requirements of both their major and the minor in LGBT Studies. However, courses taken to complete the minor in LGBT Studies may not be used to satisfy the requirements of another minor.
- No more than six of the required credits (or two courses) may be taken at an institution other than the University of Maryland, College Park. However, at least six upper division credits applied to the minor must be taken at this university.
- Students must declare the minor in LGBT Studies to the Director of LGBT Studies one year prior to their intended graduation to assure appropriate advising and record-keeping.