

WHY A SEPARATE PROGRAM OF WOMEN'S STUDIES COURSES?

Women's secondary economic, political, and social status has long been recognized by society and women themselves. However, academic disciplines have failed to focus necessary attention on this area. Investigations of the role and status of women has not become a specialized area within the established disciplines.

The Women's Studies Program's major and only consideration is to define, examine, and analyze these areas of consideration. No existing Department at SDSC has that as its primary goal.

Women's Studies courses are needed to focus attention on a new, emerging body of knowledge concerning women, to ferment interest in women themselves about their potential contributions to society, and to use the talents and tools of an interdisciplinary effort to examine women's roles and potentials.

WHY NOT JUST CONTINUE THE EXISTING WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM?

It is essential that issues as complex and diffuse as those subsumed under the heading Women's Studies need:

- 1) an integrated, comprehensive program
- 2) full-time dedication of professionals for research and teaching

Our already existing courses were those that were feasible for the Spring Semester. They represent an attempt to tap existing curriculum resources to begin to define a new area of knowledge. We recognized that they were only a beginning, a starting point, so simultaneously to offering these courses we began to design an integrated, comprehensive program of Women's Studies.

IS THE PROGRAM ACADEMICALLY SOUND?

1) Yes, in that it will consist of a logical presentation of a cognitive body of knowledge. Extensive bibliographies, books, thesis, articles, and research are now available. We have, during the past couple of months, been in contact with a number of impressive professionals who are now specializing in and making substantial research contributions to the area of women's studies. These include:

- Dr. Marlene Dixon, Prof. of Sociology, McGill Univ., Montreal
- Dr. Naomi Weisstein, Prof. of Psychology, Loyola Univ., Chicago
- Dr. Jack Sawyer, Prof. of Social-Psychology, Northwestern Univ.
- Dr. Alice Rossi, Prof. of Sociology, Goucher College
- Dr. Elizabeth Fariens, Prof. of Theology, Loyola Univ., Chicago
- Dr. Karen Paige, Prof. of Psychology, UC Davis
- Dr. Mary Wolshak, Prof. of Sociology, Cal State Fullerton
- Dr. Joan Acker, Prof. of Sociology, Univ. of Oregon (Sch. of Comm. Services & Public Affairs)

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2) Yes, in that it will be actively creating a new body of knowledge through the research done in our classes. Many generalizations now exist about the nature and potential of women without adequate and critical scholarship to substantiate them. Our Program will be using the talents and tools of existing disciplines to define, analyze, and examine these areas.

Universities ^{where} a course or courses in WS are being taught:
UCSD, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UCLA, UC Santa Barbara, Cornell Univ., Loyola Univ.(Chicago)

Universities that are formulating their own WS programs and are using our proposal as a guide:
Northwestern, San Jose State, Sacramento State, Grinnell College(Iowa), UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara

WHO WILL BE TEACHING THE COURSES?

We hope to be recruiting from a number of professionals who are now specializing in and making substantial contributions in the area of women's studies. (see list on first page)

We also hope to draw from existing faculty at SDSC whose interests and skills are directly related to the subject areas of our courses. Four professors from the Depts of Sociology, English, Home Economics, and Health Education have been teaching the courses we offered this Spring, and as a result of consultation with various Depts concerning our proposed courses for the Fall, several additional faculty have expressed a desire to participate in our Program.

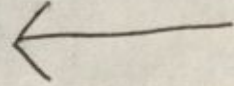
WHO WILL MAKE THE HIRING AND PROMOTION DECISIONS FOR THE PROGRAM?

A Faculty Advisory Committee, composed of five tenured faculty from existing Depts at SDSC will serve for administrative purposes as the senior faculty of the WSP, and will make recommendations to the College of Arts and Letters concerning recruitment, retention, promotion, and tenure decisions for the Program. At present, three tenured faculty members have agreed to serve on the Committee. They are:

- Dr. Nona Cannon, Chairman, Home Economics Dept.
- Dr. Jacqueline Tunberg, English Dept.
- Dr. Clinton Jencks, Economics Dept.

Other possible questions:

- 1. What is the relationship of the WSP to the Center for Women?
- 2. Will the WSP eventually become a Dept.?
- 3. Why offer only upper division courses?



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