

Justification

We are removing this course from our curriculum because the faculty member who created it has retired from the University and we do not have any other faculty members in the department who are interested in teaching it or who does research in this area. The faculty member who developed the course specialized in Gender and Masculinity and developed this course as an elective in the major. Because the course is an elective, removing it will have minimal impact on the major because we have many other electives for our students to take. We also offer Psychology of Women as a course for students who are interested in gender-related issues.

As a general rule, the department has a policy that we teach each course that we offer at least once a year. We think that is a fair policy for our students who are interested in taking the courses we offer. Unfortunately, we have not offered Psychology of Men for several years so we would like to remove it from our curriculum because we don't have any faculty who are interested in teaching the course or who feel qualified to teach it.

This course is an elective in the Women's and Gender Studies major. There are many other electives in this major so removing this one elective from the major should not have a particularly negative impact on the major. Below is an email from me to the Director of the Women's and Gender Studies major and her response indicating she understands why we are removing it from the curriculum.

From: Dave Kolar (dkolar)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Kristin Marsh (kmarsh) <kmarsh@umw.edu>
Subject: Psyc of Men

Hi Kristin,

I hope all is well. As you know, for many years Chris Kilmartin taught Psychology of Men (PSYC 347) here. But Chris retired a few years ago and no one in our department is planning on teaching the course so we are planning on removing the course from the curriculum. Since it is an elective course in the Women's and Gender Studies program, I wanted to let you know we are planning on doing this and make sure that wasn't a problem for you all. As a general rule, our department only keeps courses on the books that we know are going to be taught at least once a year so that is why we are removing it. We talked about this last year and in our first department meeting last week and decided to remove the course.

Dave

Hi, Dave,

Thanks so much for letting me know. This is a course that we list as regularly offered, so it's helpful for me to have this information so I can take it off the website & brochure, etc.

Very sad for us—it's a great course—but I do completely understand.

All best,

Kristin