

Women's Studies BA Program
(degree program projected to start in Summer 2004)
Assessment and Program Evaluation

The committee overseeing the BA in Women's Studies-which includes the Director, Assistant Director, faculty with lines or partial lines in Women's Studies, and representative faculty from other departments who regularly teach cross-listed courses-is assigned the responsibility of the ongoing assessment of the Women's Studies major and certificate; they report annually and make recommendations to the Women's Studies program. They use the following evaluation methods:

1. Each year all students in the Advanced Seminar and Internship course are surveyed about their experiences in the program. Based on the results of this survey, the Women's Studies Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the Women's Studies programs about modifications in the curriculum or the process that appear necessary.
2. Annually a portfolio of sample syllabi, with examples of written and creative work from courses representing a range of disciplinary focus, is gathered and reviewed for consistency with stated program standards and guidelines.
3. The Advisory Committee considers each year's graduates in an overall evaluation of the quality and breadth of their course work. This will allow the faculty to make sure that the majority of the graduates are highly proficient in terms of critical thinking, analysis, and understanding of the field. It will also allow the faculty to make adjustments to the program array to insure continued quality and sufficient interdisciplinary breadth.
4. Women's Studies will survey its graduates two to four years after graduation, to follow their careers and to obtain their reflections on the effectiveness of their Women's Studies BA program. The Center will maintain a database of graduates to keep track of their post-graduate activities. A substantial majority of the graduates should feel that they were well prepared for a graduate program or for the workforce.