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Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies Program

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Dear WGSS Student,

Thank you for your interest in completing **WGS 400: Independent Research in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**. This course offers you an opportunity to connect your primary program of graduate study with your interest in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies for the purpose of producing a substantial scholarly final project.

As you get started, please read through the WGS 400 Course Overview form that outlines the necessary requirements for the course and for your **project proposal**. Your project proposal must be submitted to the WGSS program no later than the **first Friday** of the semester in which you take WGS 400. The proposal should be created in consultation with your faculty supervisor and must be approved by the WGSS Advisor or Director. Therefore, it is in your best interest to get started working on your project proposal well in advance of the semester.

Below is a list of necessary steps you should take for enrolling in WGS 400:

1. Locate and secure a faculty supervisor from the list of WGSS Core or Affiliated Faculty.
 - For a complete listing of the WGSS faculty, please visit our website:
<http://wgs.illinoisstate.edu/people/>
2. Complete your Project Proposal and Agreement form in consultation with your faculty supervisor and WGSS Advisor or Director (available at:
<http://wgs.illinoisstate.edu/academics/graduate/forms.shtml>)
 - Please make sure that your proposal includes enough WGSS content (at least 50%) and adheres to the Proposal Guidelines as outlined in the WGS 400 Course Overview document.
3. Submit your completed Project Proposal and WGS 400 Agreement form to the WGSS office (237 Rachel Cooper Hall) no later than the first Friday of the semester.

Once your Project Proposal and Agreement form are submitted to the WGSS Office, the WGSS Advisor will open a section of WGS 400 for your enrollment. This means that you cannot add WGS 400 to your schedule until all of your paperwork has been completed. Again, it is in your best interest to start your project proposal work early.

As always, if you have any questions while you plan your WGS 400 project, please contact the WGSS Advisor (WGSAdvisor@IllinoisState.edu).

Cheers to a successful project!

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Dr. Tanya Diaz-Kozlowski
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