End of Year Report

Academic Year 2022-2023

WGS Program

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As always, thank you to everyone who nourished a student’s interest in WGS!

Increasing our number of majors is one of our highest priorities for the Academic Year 23-24.
Affiliates and Courses

Starting in fall 23, WGS is implementing a new engagement rule for affiliates to foster community and ensure we have the people power to support our current students adequately and to keep growing our minor and majors.

3 NEW COURSES OFFERED

WGST 320: Arts, Activism, & Justice
WGST 380: Gender & Political Representation
WGST 390: Cultivating Resilience Storycircles, Writing, & Performance

WGST 320 is now an option for the core curriculum’s Artistic Expression section.

29 # OF WGST-CODED COURSES ON THE BOOKS
41 # OF CLASSES COUNTED FOR WGS DEGREES
2 # OF SUMMER II CLASSES OFFERED

A record number!
1st time occurrence!

WGST 305: Gender and Pop Culture and WGST 105: Intro to LGBTQ Studies, the two courses being offered in Summer II, each have over 10 students enrolled!
Events and Outreach

# of classes visited to promote the program. 70

# of students emailed about WGS. These students had 2 WGS-related courses on their transcripts. 51

# of students invited to join the major/minor. These students all received an A in WGST 103. 44

# of events put on/co-sponsored 34

We have, unfortunately, noticed an odd drop in attendance at our events, which we are monitoring and brainstorming solutions.

# of Triota Honor Society Inductees 16

The students fundraised for the Palmetto State Abortion Fund and supported a WGS capstone project that collected items for CCU’s food pantry.

WGS was a sponsoring unit for 2 QEP initiatives:

“Women Empowerment in STEM” created a support network for women in STEM disciplines; and our feminist zine The Rage published powerful student creations which you can check out here. Both projects were renewed for next year, and we are adding a third endeavor, “The Men’s Story Project,” which will focus on healthy masculinities.

We continue experimenting with various outreach methods, including a solid social media presence! Follow us at @WGSCCU.
Thank you!

Many thanks to our amazing advisory board members: Amanda Masterpaul, Jenn Mokos, Tripthi Pillai, Sandrine Schaefer, Chris Donevant-Haines, Chelsea Kaunert, and student reps, Sasha Teague and Emily Boling.

One more giant THANK YOU to Amanda Masterpaul for serving as interim director of WGS during the fall 2022 semester when Ina was on sabbatical!

Our goals for the AY 23-24 remain the same as last year: 1) promoting the B.A./B.S. with a concerted focus on possible double-majors, 2) continuing to explore avenues to connect more with our alumnae/i, and 3) increasing research opportunities for our students.

More good news - keep an eye out for new WGS swag for AY 23-24!