

# New Program Proposal

## Gender and the Military Undergraduate Certificate

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Core Courses		
GS 2102	Introduction To Gender Studies	3
GS 2130	Gender and the Military	3
Electives		9
Choose three of the following courses:		
ANTHRO 1041	Sex And Gender Across Cultures	
COMM 3337	Male/Female Communication	
CRIMIN 4325	Gender, Crime, And Justice	
CRIMIN 4330	Violence Against Women	
ECON 2410	Work, Families, And Public Policy	
ENGL 2120	Topics In Writing (Life Writing)	
MVS 2100	Veterans in America	
MVS 3100	Current Issues in Military and Veterans Studies	
PHIL 2251	Sexual Ethics	
POL SCI 2290	Gender And The Law	
POL SCI 2380	The Politics of Gender in the United States	
PSYCH 2230	Psychology Of Gender	
PSYCH 2232	Psychology Of Trauma	
PSYCH 3820	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
SOC 3224	Families in Global Perspective	
SOC 4600	Masculinities	
SOC WK 4630	Gender Issues in Social Work	

<b>Capstone Requirement</b>		
<b>GS 4352</b>	<b>Independent Study In Gender Studies</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>or GS 4353</b>	<b>Internship In Gender Studies</b>	
<b>or MVS 4200</b>	<b>Independent Study in Military and Veterans Issues</b>	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

Department	Contact Person	Phone #	Objections
S002450	Susan Brownell	6451	No
S004000	Frank Grady	5510	No
S006750	Jon McGinnis	6160	No
S003250	Finn Esbensen	4619	No
S007050	Michael Griffin	5397	No
S007300	Lois Pierce	6384	No
S003400	Don Kridel	5550	No
S003200	Alan Heisel	6189	
S006950	Farida Jalalzai	5838	No
S006240	Jim Craig	6370	No

## Rationale

The University of Missouri-St. Louis educates more veterans than any other post-secondary institution in the state. Toward that end, the campus offers a minor in Military and Veterans Studies. However, that curriculum does not specifically address one of the largest problems currently facing the military: sexual abuse. The Certificate in Gender and the Military: • offers a safe place for veterans to discuss sex and gender issues, • provides information that can help alleviate guilt • fosters understanding of military culture, • promotes activism if not a sense of agency, • introduces students to research tools, and • engages them in service-learning/civic engagement experiences that will help them help others. At the same time, the certificate: • educates those who care about or work with veterans regarding the trauma of sexual assault and the military culture which develops and ostensibly condones it, • encourages these students to work toward recognizing and alleviating attitudes and conditions which foster such attitudes, and • teaches them how to support the victims' healing and sense of agency. This certificate will be attractive to an important and currently under-served segment of the community, the university, the state, and the region. It should also help retain current students by making them more marketable, adding depth and breadth to course work leading to careers in Counseling, Gerontology, Trauma Studies, Social Work, Sociology, Nursing, Psychology, Philosophy, Cultural Anthropology, Education, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Veterans' Affairs, and medicine.