REPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

Brief History of Issue - why the issue is being considered:

This proposal is requesting the addition of a new credit bearing certificate program in the Department of English for a Certificate in Critical Studies in Literature, Cultures and Film. The certificate is a natural extension of the current major and minor in critical studies (Department of English). This proposal would give students an opportunity to complete a certificate program and to fulfill the university’s mission of fostering critical insight.

Points Discussed by Committee:

With changes in recent programs in English and the deletion of literature majors and minors in favor of programs emphasizing critical studies, a certificate in critical studies makes sense (aligns with other current offerings). Courses required are commonly offered during both fall and spring semesters so course availability should not be a problem. This certificate should offer students from other disciplines a way of finishing their programs in a timely manner. Building critical analysis skills is valuable for students with majors in many other areas of study. English faculty will look at suggestions for courses from other programs (such as Communication ad Journalism) to see if appropriate courses might be used as electives in the Critical Studies program.

Pros of Recommendation:

1. Expands opportunities for UW-Eau Claire students to complete a major with a certificate in critical studies in a timely manner.
2. Aligns a certificate program with existing majors and minors in English.

Cons of Recommendation:

None

Technology/Human Resource Impact:

None

Committee Recommendation:

Approval of a proposal to add a credit bearing certificate program in Critical Studies in Literature, Cultures and Film from the Department of English.
MOTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

The University Senate Committee: Academic Policies Committee

by a vote of 9 for to 0 against on January 31, 2017 (Date)

Recommends that: The Department of English offers a credit bearing certificate in Critical Studies in Literature, Cultures and Film.

Implementation Date: 17/18 catalog

Signed: __________________________

Chair of the Committee

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