## Colorado State University – Pueblo Academic Program Assessment Report for AY 2013-2014

Program: Women's Studies Minor

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Please describe the 2013-2014 assessment activities for the program in Part I. Use Column H to describe improvements planned for 2014-2015 based on the assessment process. In Part II, please describe activities engaged in during 2013-2014 designed to close-the-loop (improve the program) based on assessment activities and the information gathered in 2012-2013. Thank you.

## I. Program student learning outcomes (SLOs) assessed in this cycle, processes, results, and recommendations.

A. Which of the	B. When	C. What	D. Who was	E. What is	F. What	G. What were the	H. What
program SLOs	was this	method was	assessed?	the	were the	department's	changes/improvements
were assessed	SLO last	used for	Please fully	expected	results of the	conclusions about	to the <u>program</u> are
during this	assessed	assessing the	describe the	achievement	assessment?	student	planned based on this
cycle? Please	? Please	SLO? Please	student	level and		performance?	assessment?
include the	indicate	include a copy	group(s) and	how many			
outcome(s)	the	of any rubrics	the number	or what			
verbatim from	semester	used in the	of students	proportion			
the assessment	and year.	assessment	or artifacts	of students			
plan.		process.	involved.	should be at			
				it?			
Working	Spring	Evaluating	Two students	80 percent	One student	One student met	The WS coordinating
knowledge of	2012	senior projects	who	of students	scored as	the expected	committee plans to meet

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women's participation in, contribution to, and transformation of areas of social life including culture, society, politics, economics, and religion		(see rubric copied at the end of this document)	completed senior projects in spring 2014	demonstrate proficient or exemplary performance	borderline proficient (2.5) and one scored as proficient (3)	achievement level while one student was not quite up to the expected achievement level	during the 2014-15 academic year to revise the program's assessment plan to find ways to better assess how and where students are achieving the program SLOs; during this round of assessment, the faculty scorers questioned the existing rubric and its use, in particular whether or not it is reasonable to expect that student work on one assignment will extend across all four SLOs.
Working knowledge of institutionalized discrimination and violence based on gender	Spring 2012	Evaluating senior projects	Two students who completed senior projects in spring 2014	80 percent of students demonstrate proficient or exemplary performance	One student scored as borderline proficient (2.5) and one scored as borderline exemplary (3.5)	One student met the expected achievement level while one student was not quite up to the expected achievement level	The WS coordinating committee plans to meet during the 2014-15 academic year to revise the program's assessment plan to find ways to better assess how and where students are achieving the program SLOs; during this round of assessment, the faculty scorers questioned the existing rubric and its use, in particular whether or not it is reasonable to expect that student work on one

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Critical understanding of gender from national and global perspectives.	Spring 2012	Evaluating senior projects	Two students who completed senior projects in spring 2014	80 percent of students demonstrate proficient or exemplary performance	One student scored as borderline proficient (2.5) and one scored as borderline exemplary (3.5)	One student met the expected achievement level while one student was not quite up to the expected achievement level	The WS coordinating committee plans to meet during the 2014-15 academic year to revise the program's assessment plan to find ways to better assess how and where students are achieving the program SLOs; during this round of assessment, the faculty scorers questioned the existing rubric and its use, in particular whether or not it is reasonable to expect that student work on one assignment will extend across all four SLOs.
Apply the basic	N/A	Evaluating	Two students	80 percent	One student	One student met	The WS coordinating
concepts,		senior projects	who	of students	scored as	the expected	committee plans to meet
theories and			completed	demonstrate	proficient (3)	achievement level	during the 2014-15
methods in			senior	proficient or	and one	while one student	academic year to revise
gender studies			projects in	exemplary	scored as	was not quite up to	the program's
in national and			spring 2014	performance	borderline	the expected	assessment plan to find

global contexts.			proficient	achievement level	ways to better assess
			(2.5)		how and where students
					are achieving the
					program SLOs; during this
					round of assessment, the
					faculty scorers
					questioned the existing
					rubric and its use, in
					particular whether or not
					it is reasonable to expect
					that student work on one
					assignment will extend
					across all four SLOs.

Comments: The Women's Studies Coordinating Committee wanted to use previous years' assessment methods, as outlined in the WS assessment plan, to determine if they are applicable to the senior projects completed by women's studies minors. Some questions arose as to whether all four SLOs would be clearly demonstrated in all senior projects. In this year's projects, the four SLOs were demonstrated but not always to the level expected by the WS faculty. Because of this, the women's studies faculty will work together during the 2014-15 academic year to determine how we want to measure the SLOs across the program and will revise the assessment plan accordingly.

II. Follow-up (closing the loop) on results and activities from previous assessment cycles. In this section, please describe actions taken during this cycle that were based on, or implemented to address, the results of assessment from previous cycles.

A. What SLO(s) did	B. When was this	C. What were the	D. Were the	E. What were the results of the
you address?	SLO last assessed?	recommendations for change	recommendations for	changes? If the changes were not
Please include the	Please indicate	from the previous	change acted upon? If not,	effective, what are the next steps or
outcome(s)	the semester and	assessment?	why?	the new recommendations?

verbatim from the assessment plan.	year.			
Working knowledge of women's participation in, contribution to, and transformation of areas of social life including culture, society, politics, economics, and religion	2011-2012	1. We will implement a pre-test and posttest in WS 100 2. Re-evaluate student learning outcomes in the assessment plan and add a campus and community component. 3. Continue to work on embedding SLOs in all courses.	No – coordination of the women's studies minor has switched hands so there has not been consistency in terms of who handles assessment of the minor; recommendations from the previous year were not implemented	No changes were made; however, women's studies faculty will be involved in redeveloping an assessment plan for the minor during the 2014-15 academic year
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Apply the basic concepts, theories and methods in gender studies in national and global contexts.	N/A	N/A	It does not appear that this SLO was assessed during the last assessment cycle	Women's studies faculty will redevelop an assessment plan for the 2014-15 academic year addressing this, and all other, SLOs

Comments: The Women's Studies Coordinating Committee will consider the recommendations made during the past assessment cycles (especially continuing to work to embed SLOs across the program and re-evaluating the SLOs in the assessment plan. These steps may lead us to develop some kind of assessment strategy in the WS 100 course, though it is unclear at this time what form that will take (e.g., pre-test/posttest will be considered but may not be deemed the solution).

## Women's Studies Minor: Senior Research Assessment Rubric

	Exemplary-4	Proficient-3	Emerging-2	Not Present-1
Working knowledge of women's participation in, contribution to, and transformation of areas of social life including culture, society, politics, economics, and religion	Specific references and detailed understanding of scholarship and theory	References and understands scholarship and theory	References or understands scholarship or theory	
Working knowledge of institutionalized discrimination and violence based on gender	Specific references and detailed understanding of scholarship and theory	References and understands scholarship and theory	References or understands scholarship or theory	
Critical understanding of gender from national and global perspectives	Specific references and detailed understanding of scholarship and theory	References and understands scholarship and theory	References or understands scholarship or theory	
Apply the basic concepts, theories and methods in gender studies in national and global contexts	Specific references and detailed understanding of scholarship and theory	References and understands scholarship and theory	References or understands scholarship or theory	