Guidelines for the
Dartmouth Women’s and Gender Studies Program
INDEPENDENT STUDY (WGST 85)
ONE-TERM PROJECT

**Deadlines**
- Summer Term Independent Study: Deadline: 4th week of classes, spring term
- Fall Term Independent Study: Deadline: 4th week of classes, spring term
- Winter Term Independent Study: Deadline: 4th week of classes, fall term
- Spring Term Independent Study: Deadline: 4th week of classes, winter term

Proposals and accompanying materials should be submitted to the WGST Program Office (2 Carpenter Hall) by the required deadlines.

**PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL APPROVAL**

1. A draft of your proposal should be shown to your advisor before submitting it to the Women's and Gender Studies Program. Effective proposals are brief and clear (abstracts are 1-2 pages) and should include the following:
   1. A clear statement of the topic
   2. Mention of the texts you plan to include
   3. Your approach: questions you plan to ask; methodology; theoretical framework.
   4. The relationship of the topic to the courses you have taken or to your major; what prepares you for this project.
   5. Any anticipated conclusions

The Following Additional Materials Must Accompany Proposals:

- Selected **annotated** bibliography (A list of reading you need to do to address the topic i.e., background reading, criticism, historical sources, etc. (10-15 books and articles)
- Term you plan to take WGST 85
- Advisor endorsement form (see separate form)
- Course Profile (see separate form)
- **NOTE:** Topics requiring approval from the Human Subjects office are not appropriate for one-term projects.
- **NOTE:** WGST 85 materials may be sent to the Program Coordinator, Cristen Brooks, by e-mail.

The Steering Committee (and/or the Women’s and Gender Studies Chair and Coordinator) will review and comment on the proposal, and bibliography in a timely manner. The Program may ask students to revise and resubmit their proposals if necessary. If you have any questions—please call (6-2722) blitz Cristen Brooks or stop by the office.