Senior Project in Women’s Studies

1. The Senior Project should be completed in the senior year, in either fall or spring semester.
2. You may do a 3-credit internship off campus, but it must be in a semester you are paying tuition (WMST 395). Forms are in the Dean’s Office. You may also design your own 3 credit directed study with an on-campus mentor; you might conduct research, do a creative project, or research and write an academic essay. Forms for directed studies are at the Records office or any departmental office. Both must also be approved by the Women’s Studies Coordinator. Including all preparation, time on the internship, time preparing your bibliography and project presentation, your work should average 8-9 hours per week.
3. If you choose an off campus internship, the on site supervisor of your internship should help to draw up the senior project at the beginning of the semester, being very clear as to expectations on the student, and should provide the women’s studies Coordinator with a grade and a short narrative justification at the end of the semester. The Women’s Studies committee will provide a grade for the project presentation, and the Coordinator will submit your final grade. The Supervisor is more than welcome to attend your presentation but it is not required.
4. If you choose a directed study, your faculty mentor should draw up the directed study form with you at the start of the semester, help you prepare your presentation, and attend your presentation. The Women’s Studies committee will present that faculty member with input on the grade for the presentation part, but the mentor will grade the overall project.
5. Whether you choose an internship or directed study, you should turn in an annotated bibliography with at least five sources by midterm of the semester in which you register for the project. This should be approved by your mentor and turned in to the Women’s Studies Coordinator, who will pass it on to committee members knowledgeable in your field.
6. All students will be required to present their projects to the women’s studies community of faculty, staff, and students at the end of the semester in which you undertake the project. If you are working with an off campus supervisor or a faculty member not on the Women’s Studies Committee, you are expected to meet once with the Coordinator or designated member of the committee to review your presentation before giving it.
7. The presentation should last 15-20 minutes and then 5-10 minutes to take questions. It should A) describe your project, B) introduce the relevant research, and C) tie your project to coursework and experiences in Women’s Studies.
8. Every Women’s Studies minor or concentrator is expected to attend one senior project presentation per year (fall or spring) to help you understand the expectations of the senior project presentation.

Student signature:_____________________________________________________
Mentor’s or Supervisor’s signature_______________________________________
Women’s Studies Coordinator’s signature_______________________________
Date:______________________________