MEMORANDUM

TO:        Dean Bowers and the Curriculum Committee
FROM:      Harold Sullivan, Government Dept. Chair
DATE:      March 20, 2007
SUBJ:      Inclusion of GOV 319 (Gender and the Law) in Legal Studies

I am writing to request that our course, GOV 319. Gender and the Law, be added to
the Cultural Pluralism section of the Legal Studies Major. There are two pressing reasons
for this proposed addition: 1) GOV/LAW 313. Law & Politics of Race Relations is
constantly over-subscribed because of the lack of regularly run options for the course;
and 2) gender, like race, is a crucial consideration for any major concerned with diversity.

The Government Department has a new faculty member beginning next semester, Erin
Ackerman from Johns Hopkins, who will regularly teach 319. In addition we are
pursuing a possible senior appointment in the area of growing importance.

I hope that this course can be added to the Major in time to meet the deadline for the new
Bulletin.

Thank you.