

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/ws/graduate-programs/graduate-certificate-in-multicultural-womens-and-gender-studies/>

The program in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies offers a post-baccalaureate Graduate Certificate, which provides opportunities to develop an understanding of Women's and Gender Studies scholarship, including diverse theories of knowledge, power, and social transformation. The Graduate Certificate program is open to students enrolled in any graduate degree program at Texas Woman's University as well as to qualified individuals seeking only the Certificate. For students enrolled in graduate degree programs at TWU, the Certificate provides grounding in feminist research methods and approaches to traditional academic disciplines, while strengthening credentials for college-level teaching in Women's and Gender Studies. For students enrolled only in the Certificate program, the Certificate complements professional work in community agencies and institutions that seek to enhance women's lives and promote social justice.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Organize and communicate ideas effectively.
2. Engage in critical reasoning about social and political problems.
3. Systematically review and evaluate scholarship in a range of areas of inquiry related to womanist/feminist and multicultural theories.

Admissions

All students must meet the University requirements as outlined in the Admission to the TWU Graduate School (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/graduate-school/admission-graduate-school/>) section of the catalog.

The academic program may have additional admission criteria that must also be completed as outlined on the program's website.

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Hours Required

18 semester credit hours (SCH).

Coursework must be completed with an average grade of B or higher and selected in consultation with the Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Certificate Advisor.

Code	Title	SCHs
At least 9 SCH must be selected from the following		
WS 5023	Foundations for Scholarly Inquiry in Women's and Gender Studies	
WS 5353	Feminist Pedagogies	
WS 5363	Feminist/Womanist Epistemologies	
WS 5463	U.S. Women of Colors	
WS 5843	Feminist/Womanist Theories	
At least 3-9 SCH must be selected from the following		
WS 5043	Art, Activism, and Social Justice	
WS 5093	Law, Gender, and Sexuality	
WS 5193	Rights, Race, and Social Justice	
WS 5253	Transgressive Identities: Queer Theories and Critical 'Race' Theories	
WS 5263	Feminism and Religion	
WS 5283	Ecofeminist Theorizing, Spirituality, and Activism	
WS 5293	Gloria Anzaldua Seminar: Theories, Politics, and Transformation	
WS 5373	Black Feminist Thought	
WS 5383	Women At Work: Race, Migration, Labors	
WS 5853	Spiritual Activism: Social Justice Theories for Holistic Transformation	
WS 5903	Special Topics	

Any remaining semester credit hours must be selected in consultation with the Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies Graduate Certificate Advisor. All coursework must be taken from offerings at the 5000 level or above in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies. For more information and contact information, visit the Graduate Certificate page at Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (<http://www.twu.edu/ws/graduate-programs/graduate-certificate-in-multicultural-womens-and-gender-studies/>).

Graduate students already enrolled in another degree program at TWU should consult the Chair or Graduate Advisor of their degree program to determine whether the coursework taken for the Graduate Certificate in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies will apply toward their degree program. Students seeking admission to a TWU master's or doctoral program, in addition to the P.B. Certificate in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies, must meet the entrance requirements of the degree program. Coursework taken as part of the certificate program may not be counted toward a graduate degree without approval of both the degree-granting department and the Graduate Dean.