

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

## Degree Requirements

### Total Semester Credit Hours Required

A minimum of 72 semester credit hours (SCH) beyond the baccalaureate, consisting of 18 SCH of required program courses, 12 SCH of WS electives, 30 SCH in a Transdisciplinary Concentration, and 12 SCH for dissertation. Students entering with a master's degree may transfer in up to 30 SCH with departmental approval.

The doctoral degree is flexible and individually-tailored in order to most effectively meet each student's research interests and career goals. In addition to a set of required program courses, each student will develop an individualized degree plan composed of a transdisciplinary concentration, research tools, a qualifying examination, a dissertation, and a dissertation presentation/defense. Students will select specific courses under the guidance of their graduate committee. See the Ph.D. in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies webpage (<https://twu.edu/ws/graduate-programs/doctor-of-philosophy-in-multicultural-womens-and-gender-studies/>) for additional information about guidelines and contact information.

Code	Title	SCHs
<b>Required Courses</b>		
WS 5023	Foundations for Scholarly Inquiry in Women's and Gender Studies	3
WS 5463	U.S. Women of Colors	3
WS 5843	Feminist/Womanist Theories	3
WS 6103	New Directions in Feminist/Womanist Theories	3
WS 6303	Transdisciplinary Feminist Research Methods	3
WS 6403	The Politics of Publication and Writing	3
<b>MWGS Electives (choose 4 of the following)</b>		<b>12</b>
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 5353	Feminist Pedagogies	
WS 5363	Feminist/Womanist Epistemologies	
WS 5373	Black Feminist Thought	
WS 5383	Women At Work: Race, Migration, Labors	
WS 5773	Qualitative Research Methods	
WS 5853	Spiritual Activism: Social Justice Theories for Holistic Transformation	
WS 5903	Special Topics	
WS 5933	Internship in Women's and Gender Studies	

### Transdisciplinary Concentration 30

Coursework to be selected in consultation with and approved by a student's graduate committee.

A student who enters with a master's degree may receive up to 30 SCH applied coursework from this degree to fulfill the concentration requirement with committee approval.

A student entering with a bachelor's degree will select courses designed to support their research and career plans. Recommended concentrations include Multicultural Studies, English/Rhetoric, Educational Leadership, Sociology, or Nonprofit Work.

### Research Tools

Tool #1 - Transdisciplinary Methods: WS 6303 & WS 6403 (part of the core coursework.)

Tool #2 - Select 6 SCH from the options listed below in consultation with committee. Courses can be selected from departments across the university or consortium. May also fulfill the transdisciplinary concentration or elective requirements.

Research Methods (qualitative and/or quantitative)

Information Retrieval

Pedagogy

Foreign Language

American Sign Language

Rhetorical Criticism & Discourse Analysis

### Dissertation

WS 6983	Dissertation (2 semesters)	6
WS 6993	Dissertation (2 semesters)	6
Total SCHs		72

### Qualifying Examination

The qualifying exam consists of a digital portfolio compiled during the student's doctoral coursework. Students are expected to submit their qualifying examination portfolio within one calendar year of completing the coursework.

### Dissertation Defense

An oral presentation of the dissertation is required.