

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (GENERAL STUDIES)

The innovative Bachelor of Arts degree in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (MWGS) prepares students for a wide range of careers, as well as professional and graduate studies. In general, MWGS students gain strong transferable skills in reading, comprehension, speaking, writing, and active listening. Employers call these "soft" skills and they are highly desirable in the workplace. Students on all three tracks take a common set of courses, which allows students to change tracks or make decisions about which track to pursue later in the program. A capstone class near the end of the program helps students prepare to transition to professional life and graduate or professional studies. Each track requires a minor to provide a strong foundation in a discipline that will support the student's career goals. More specifically, two of the three tracks in the program prepare students to follow distinctive career paths in community leadership and health education.

The general track is more flexible and can be adapted by students in consultation with an advisor to support those interested in careers as doctors; professors; attorneys; human resource specialists; researchers; or diversity, equity and inclusion consultants. This track also prepares students for positions in research and service organizations that focus on social, political, and economic issues that impact women's lives. The general track includes a cluster of prescribed elective courses in the arts, social sciences, and humanities that focus on women and prepare students for a variety of graduate programs in the liberal arts including Women's and Gender Studies (WGS), English, Sociology, Psychology, and the Arts. Students' early grounding in the discipline of WGS will provide them with the tools to examine ideologies of gender, race, class, and sexuality while taking these elective courses. Elective courses require approval of the advisor. Students on the general track are encouraged to pursue an internship for elective credit.

## Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/the60x30-strategic-plan/>) as, "Those skills valued by employers that can be applied in a variety of work settings, including interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills areas. These skills can be either primary or complementary to a major and are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities."

1. Communicate ideas effectively orally and in writing.
2. Engage in critical and analytical reasoning about social and political problems from an intersectional feminist/womanist perspective.
3. Systematically research and evaluate information in a range of disciplines from an intersectional feminist/womanist perspective.
4. Develop methods for engagement in political, cultural, and scholarly areas in pursuit of social justice.

## Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

## Degree Requirements

**Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH):** 120

**Major:** 18 SCH

**Program Code:** MLCLWMGNST.BA.GEN **CIP Code:** 05.0207.00

## Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	3
ENG 1023	Composition II	3
Mathematics		3
Life & Physical Sciences		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture		3
Creative Arts		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
CAO: Women's Studies		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics		3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>42</b>

## Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
WS 2013	Gender and Social Change: An Introduction to Multicultural-Women's Studies	3
WS 2033	Womanist Spiritual Activism: Social Justice Theories for Wellness and Transformation	3
WS 3023	U.S. Women of Colors	3
WS 4023	Sexualities and Identities: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies	3
WS 4493	Feminist Theory	3
WS 4793	Senior Capstone in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies	3
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>18</b>

## Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
WS 3793	Feminist Research Methods	3
WS 4903	Special Topics (Womanist/feminist theories and Social Justice)	3

### Social Science Courses

Select 6 SCH from the following		6
WS 3063	Women in Politics	
WS 3213	Woman's Roles	
WS 3733	Psychology of Women	
SOCI 1023	Current Social Problems	

SOCI 1413	Culture, Inequality, and Self
SOCI 2133	Crime in America
SOCI 3063	Topics in Urban Sociology
SOCI 3073	Social Inequality
SOCI 3523	Internet and Society
SOWK 3453	Children's Rights and Services
SOWK 3513	Culturally Competent Practice

**Humanities Courses**

Select 6 SCH from the following **6**

WS 2393	Introduction to Literature by Women
WS 3063	Women in Politics
WS 3083	Ethics and Feminism
WS 3193	Women and Western Religions
WS 3393	Gender, Identity, and the Law
WS 3793	Feminist Research Methods
ENG 2043	World Literature to 1600
ENG 2053	World Literature, 1600 to the Present
ENG 3053	Fiction
ENG 3063	Poetry
ENG 3153	Multicultural Literature
ENG 3203	Advanced Grammar and Composition
ENG 3283	American Literature: Colonial through Romantic
ENG 3293	American Literature: Realism to the Present
ENG 3433	Professional Writing
SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I
SPAN 1023	Elementary Spanish II

**Arts Courses**

Select 6 SCH from the following **6**

WS 3343	Women in the Visual Arts
WS 3703	Women in Music
WS 2383	Gendered Images in Dance and Performance
ART 3053	Global Perspectives in Art
DNCE 2162	Wellness through Movement
DNCE 2393	Understanding the Arts: Dance
DNCE 3373	World of the Imagination in Art, Dance, and Film
FT 4083	Global Perspectives of Dress and Adornment
THEA 3103	Gender, Theatre, and Performance

**Total SCHs 24**

**Required Minor**

Code	Title	SCHs
Any 18 hour minor		18
<b>Total SCHs</b>		<b>18</b>

**First Year**

Fall	TCCN	SCHs
WS 2013	Gender and Social Change: An Introduction to Multicultural-Women's Studies	3

UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: First-Year Seminar	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
Life & Physical Sciences Core			3
Creative Arts Core			3

**SCHs 16**

**Spring TCCN**

WS 2033	Womanist Spiritual Activism: Social Justice Theories for Wellness and Transformation		3
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
Life & Physical Sciences Core			3
Wellness or Mathematics CAO Core			2
Elective			3

**SCHs 17**

**Second Year TCCN**

<b>Fall</b>			
MWGS Elective			3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Core			3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
Mathematics Core			3
Social Sciences Course I (Select 3 SCH)			3
WS 3063	Women in Politics		
WS 3213	Woman's Roles		
WS 3733	Psychology of Women		
SOCI 1023	Current Social Problems	SOCI 1306	
SOCI 1413	Culture, Inequality, and Self		
SOCI 2213	Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 1301	
SOCI 3063	Topics in Urban Sociology		
SOCI 3073	Social Inequality		
SOCI 3523	Internet and Society		
SOWK 3453	Children's Rights and Services		
SOWK 3513	Culturally Competent Practice		

**SCHs 15**

**Spring TCCN**

<b>Spring</b>			
MWGS Elective			3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core			3
Humanities Course I (Select 3 SCH)			3
WS 2393	Introduction to Literature by Women		
WS 3063	Women in Politics		
WS 3083	Ethics and Feminism		
WS 3193	Women and Western Religions		
WS 3393	Gender, Identity, and the Law		
WS 3793	Feminist Research Methods		
SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	SPAN 1411	
SPAN 1023	Elementary Spanish II	SPAN 1412	
ENG 2043	World Literature to 1600	ENGL 2332	

ENG 2053	World Literature, 1600 to the Present	ENGL 2333	
ENG 3053	Fiction		
ENG 3063	Poetry		
ENG 3153	Multicultural Literature		
ENG 3203	Advanced Grammar and Composition		
ENG 3283	American Literature: Colonial through Romantic		
ENG 3293	American Literature: Realism to the Present		
ENG 3433	Professional Writing		
Arts Course I (Select 3 SCH)			3
WS 2383	Gendered Images in Dance and Performance		
WS 3343	Women in the Visual Arts		
WS 3703	Women in Music		
DNCE 2162	Wellness through Movement		
DNCE 2393	Understanding the Arts: Dance	DANC 2303	
DNCE 3373	World of the Imagination in Art, Dance, and Film		
ART 3053	Global Perspectives in Art		
FT 4083	Global Perspectives of Dress and Adornment		
THEA 3103	Gender, Theatre, and Performance		

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**Third Year**

<b>Fall</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
WS 3023	U.S. Women of Colors		3
Social Sciences Course II (Select 3 SCH)			3
WS 3063	Women in Politics		
WS 3213	Woman's Roles		
WS 3733	Psychology of Women		
SOCI 1023	Current Social Problems	SOCI 1306	
SOCI 1413	Culture, Inequality, and Self		
SOCI 2213	Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 1301	
SOCI 3063	Topics in Urban Sociology		
SOCI 3073	Social Inequality		
SOCI 3523	Internet and Society		
SOWK 3453	Children's Rights and Services		
SOWK 3513	Culturally Competent Practice		
Minor			3
Minor			3
MWGS Elective			3

**SCHs 15**

<b>Spring</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
WS 3793	Feminist Research Methods		3
WS 4493	Feminist Theory		3
Humanities Course II (Select 3 SCH)			3
WS 2393	Introduction to Literature by Women		
WS 3063	Women in Politics		
WS 3083	Ethics and Feminism		
WS 3193	Women and Western Religions		
WS 3393	Gender, Identity, and the Law		

SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	SPAN 1411	
ENG 2043	World Literature to 1600	ENGL 2332	
ENG 2053	World Literature, 1600 to the Present	ENGL 2333	
ENG 3053	Fiction		
ENG 3063	Poetry		
ENG 3153	Multicultural Literature		
ENG 3203	Advanced Grammar and Composition		
ENG 3283	American Literature: Colonial through Romantic		
ENG 3293	American Literature: Realism to the Present		
ENG 3433	Professional Writing		
Arts Course II (Select 3 SCH)			3
WS 2383	Gendered Images in Dance and Performance		
WS 3343	Women in the Visual Arts		
WS 3703	Women in Music		
DNCE 2162	Wellness through Movement		
DNCE 2393	Understanding the Arts: Dance	DANC 2303	
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ART 3053	Global Perspectives in Art		
FT 4083	Global Perspectives of Dress and Adornment		
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Minor 3  
**SCHs 15**

**Fourth Year**

<b>Fall</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
WS 4023	Sexualities and Identities: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies		3
Minor			3
Minor			3
MWGS Elective (3000 or 4000 level course)			6

**SCHs 15**

<b>Spring</b>		<b>TCCN</b>	
WS 4013	Texts, Trends, and Issues in Women's Studies		3
WS 4793	Senior Capstone in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies		3
Minor			3
MWGS Elective (3000 or 4000 level course)			3

**SCHs 12**

**Total SCHs: 120**