

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP)

The innovative Bachelor of Arts degree in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (MWGS) program 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 in high demand. 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. More specifically, two of the three tracks in the program prepare students to follow distinctive career paths in community leadership and health education. The third 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.

The community leadership track of the BA in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies includes a cluster of prescribed elective courses organized under two themes: Community Issues and Community Leadership Practices. A minor in an area that will advance the student's professional goals is required. Elective courses require advisor approval. Students on this track must complete three hours of approved internships for credit to gain hands-on experience working at research and service organizations that focus on women's leadership issues.

These courses prepare students for leadership careers or advanced professional training related to women's issues in law, education, politics, social work, or the arts. The courses offer students the flexibility in pursuing careers in non-profit organizations and non-governmental organizations (commonly known as NGOs) or advanced study related to women's leadership issues in research, education, or policy.

Marketable Skills

Defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30 Strategic Plan (<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/agency-publication/miscellaneous/thecb-60x30-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."

- Communicate ideas effectively orally and in writing.
- Engage in critical analytical reasoning about social and political problems from an intersectional feminist/womanist perspective.
- Systematically research and evaluate information in a range of disciplines from an intersectional feminist/womanist perspective.

- Develop methods for engagement in political, cultural, and scholarly areas in pursuit of social justice.

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

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 18 SCH

Program Code: MLCLWMGNST.BA.LEADER **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
Total SCHs		42

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
Total SCHs		18

Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
WS 3793	Feminist Research Methods	3
WS 4903	Special Topics (Art, Activism, and Social Justice)	3
WS 4953	Internship in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies	3
SPCH 1013	Oral Communication	3

Community Issues Courses

Choose 9 SCH from the following	
WS 2703	Gender and Education
WS 3073	Literature by Women
WS 3193	Women and Western Religions
WS 3213	Woman's Roles
WS 3223	Women, Crime, and Justice
WS 3733	Psychology of Women
ENG 3153	Multicultural Literature
ENG 3203	Advanced Grammar and Composition
ENG 3233	Advanced Expository Writing
ENG 4363	Digital Rhetoric
HDFS 1603	Child in the Family and Community
HDFS 2003	Diversity in Contemporary Families: A Global Perspective
HS 3133	Perspectives on Women's Health
POLS 3013	Community Conversation in Sustainability
POLS 3153	Law, Politics, and Public Policy
SOCI 1023	Current Social Problems
SOCI 1413	Culture, Inequality, and Self
SOCI 2213	Introduction to Criminal Justice
SOCI 3063	Topics in Urban Sociology
SOCI 3073	Social Inequality
SOCI 3093	Racial and Ethnic Groups in the United States
SOCI 3523	Internet and Society
SOWK 1403	Introduction to Social Welfare Policies and Services
SOWK 4203	Family Violence and Sexual Assault

Community & Leadership Practices Courses

Choose 9 SCH from the following		9
WS 3063	Women in Politics	
WS 3343	Women in the Visual Arts	
WS 3393	Gender, Identity, and the Law	
WS 3703	Women in Music	
ENG 3433	Professional Writing	
SOCI 3053	Social Research	
SOCI 3163	Social Statistics	
SOWK 1403	Introduction to Social Welfare Policies and Services	
SOWK 3453	Children's Rights and Services	
SOWK 3513	Culturally Competent Practice	
SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	
SPAN 1023	Elementary Spanish II	
SPAN 4203	Latin American Women Writers and Filmmakers	
THEA 3103	Gender, Theatre, and Performance	

Total SCHs **21**

Required Minor

Code	Title	SCHs
Any 18 hour minor		18

Plan of Study

First Year		TCCN	SCHs
Fall			
WS 2013	Gender and Social Change: An Introduction to Multicultural-Women's Studies		3
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: The First Year Experience	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			
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 Core			2
MWGS Elective			3
SCHs			17
Second Year			
Fall			
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
MWGS Elective			3
Language, Philosophy, & Culture Core			3
Mathematics Core			3
Community Issues I (select 3 SCH)			3
WS 2703	Gender and Education		
WS 3073	Literature by Women		
WS 3193	Women and Western Religions		
WS 3213	Woman's Roles		
WS 3223	Women, Crime, and Justice		
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 3093	Racial and Ethnic Groups in the United States		
SOCI 3523	Internet and Society		
HS 3133	Perspectives on Women's Health		
POLS 3013	Community Conversation in Sustainability		
HDFS 1603	Child in the Family and Community	TECA 1303	
HDFS 2003	Diversity in Contemporary Families: A Global Perspective		

SOWK 4203 Family Violence and Sexual Assault			SOCI 1023 Current Social Problems	SOCI 1306	
SCHs		15	SOCI 3093 Racial and Ethnic Groups in the United States		
Spring		TCCN	SOWK 4203 Family Violence and Sexual Assault		
SPCH 1013	Oral Communication	SPCH 1311	3	Minor	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3	Minor	3
MWGS Elective			3		
Social & Behavioral Science Core			3		
Community & Leadership Practices I (select 3 SCH)			3		
WS 3063	Women in Politics				
WS 3343	Women in the Visual Arts				
WS 3703	Women in Music				
WS 3733	Psychology of Women				
SOWK 1403	Introduction to Social Welfare Policies and Services	SOCW 2361			
SOWK 3453	Children's Rights and Services				
SOWK 3513	Culturally Competent Practice				
THEA 3103	Gender, Theatre, and Performance				
POLS 3153	Law, Politics, and Public Policy				
ENG 3153	Multicultural Literature				
ENG 3203	Advanced Grammar and Composition				
ENG 3233	Advanced Expository Writing				
ENG 3433	Professional Writing				
ENG 4363	Digital Rhetoric				
SPAN 1013	Elementary Spanish I	SPAN 1411			
SPAN 1023	Elementary Spanish II	SPAN 1412			
SOCI 3053	Social Research				
SOCI 3163	Social Statistics				
SCHs		15			
Third Year					
Fall		TCCN			
WS 3023	U.S. Women of Colors		3		
Community Issues II (select 6 SCH)			6		
WS 2703	Gender and Education				
WS 3733	Psychology of Women				
SOCI 3073	Social Inequality				
SOWK 1403	Introduction to Social Welfare Policies and Services	SOCW 2361			
SOCI 1413	Culture, Inequality, and Self				
SOCI 3063	Topics in Urban Sociology				
SOCI 3523	Internet and Society				
SOCI 2213	Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 1301			
HS 3133	Perspectives on Women's Health				
POLS 3013	Community Conversation in Sustainability				
WS 3073	Literature by Women				
WS 3193	Women and Western Religions				
WS 3213	Woman's Roles				
WS 3223	Women, Crime, and Justice				
HDFS 1603	Child in the Family and Community	TECA 1303			
HDFS 2003	Diversity in Contemporary Families: A Global Perspective				
SCHs		15			
Fourth Year					
Fall		TCCN			
WS 4023	Sexualities and Identities: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies		3		
Minor			3		
Minor			3		
Minor			3		
Internship in MWGS (select 3 SCH - note the SCH for each course)			3		
WS 4951	Internship in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies				
WS 4952	Internship in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies				
WS 4953	Internship in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies				
SCHs		15			

Spring		TCCN
WS 4793	Senior Capstone in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies	3
	MWGS Elective (3000 or 4000 level course)	6
	Elective (3000 or 4000 level course)	3
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	SCHs	12
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	Total SCHs:	120