

# DIVISION OF MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES

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## Graduate Degrees Offered

- M.A. in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/womens-studies/womens-studies-ma/>)
- Ph.D. in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/womens-studies/womens-studies-phd/>)
- Graduate Certificate in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (<https://catalog.twu.edu/graduate/arts-sciences/womens-studies/post-baccalaureate-certificate-womens-studies/>)

The Division of Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies offers an exciting curriculum that integrates diverse perspectives and critically applies feminist/womanist scholarship on behalf of social justice. The Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies (MWGS) emphasize an understanding and appreciation of Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) as a transdisciplinary field of study. Undergraduate and graduate courses are regularly taught by over thirty faculty from across the University. MWGS uses multiple critical lenses to question, expand, and transform existing modes of knowledge and power in the service of social justice. It provides a curriculum grounded in diverse feminist and womanist theories, methodologies, and ethics; promotes interdisciplinary scholarly endeavors; and seeks to prepare leaders, particularly women, who will have the skills to negotiate change in academic and community settings.

### M.A. in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies

The M.A. degree focuses on issues related to understanding difference, identity, and power across a variety of contexts. Through a theoretically rigorous transdisciplinary curriculum, we offer students a unique opportunity to combine social-justice issues with transformational, multicultural scholarship. In addition to coursework and a culminating project (either a thesis or a comprehensive exam), students may

work with community organizations and participate in professional development and mentoring programs. Graduates of our program work in a range of careers, academic areas, and social-justice groups, including Ph.D. programs in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies, traditional disciplines, and fields such as law and public policy; agencies and organizations that serve minoritized communities; creative and arts-based projects; and businesses and corporations. Students may apply to begin the program in the fall or spring semester, and the department will review applications throughout the year.

### Ph.D. in Multicultural Women's and Gender Studies

The Ph.D. degree prepares students to revitalize academic life by producing new forms of knowledge through transdisciplinary, transformative dialogues among faculty and students in diverse disciplines. Doctoral degree recipients will be grounded in rigorous graduate education and equipped with effective communication and research skills, holistic-critical thinking skills, and transformative teaching techniques. As part of the program's unique transdisciplinary focus, students obtain a deep understanding of scholarly production, research methodologies, and pedagogies in various disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. They use this knowledge to create new dialogues among knowledge fields inside and outside the academy. Graduates are prepared to serve as professors of Women's and Gender Studies and related disciplines and as leaders in nongovernmental, social service, and research agencies that address social justice issues. Students are admitted to the program in alternating years, with the next cohort admitted for Fall 2026.