

MASTER OF ARTS IN MULTILINGUAL AND MULTICULTURAL STUDIES

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/literacy-and-learning/graduate-programs/ma-in-multilingual-and-multicultural-studies/>

The M.A. in Multilingual and Multicultural Studies is designed to provide needed knowledge and skills for the following professionals:

- K-12 Bilingual educators and instructional specialists/curriculum writers
- K-12 ESL and world language instructional specialists/curriculum writers
- Adult ESL instructors and program directors
- Community and nonprofit leaders working with linguistically and culturally diverse families
- Sociologists focused on multilingual and multicultural populations

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."

In the program, students will gain the following skills and experiences:

- Application of knowledge of various multilingual populations to practice
- Understanding of bilingualism, biliteracy, and second language acquisition
- Critical perspectives on race, language, and culture
- Development of academic and scholarly writing in English and other languages as students choose
- Engagement with practitioner and research audiences through presentations
- Learn-by-doing through service learning and other real-life course assignments

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 Credit Hours Required

30 semester credit hours (SCH).

First Year			
Fall		TCCN	SCHs
EDUC 5173	Diversity in the Classroom		3
READ 5923	Biliteracy and Multilingualism		3
SCHs			6
Spring		TCCN	
EDBE 5413	Teaching Reading and Other Language Arts to Linguistically Different Learners		3
EDBE 5643	Sociolinguistics		3
SCHs			6
Summer		TCCN	
EDBE 5633	Education in Culturally Diverse Environments		3
EDBE 5333 or 5653	Curriculum for Bilingual Education: Methods and Materials or Second Language Acquisition: Theories and Practices		3
SCHs			6
Second Year			
Fall		TCCN	
READ 5423	Literacy: Practice to Theory		3
READ 5443	Literacy: Assessment and Instruction		3
SCHs			6
Spring		TCCN	
READ 5453	Processes and Strategies for Comprehending Texts		3
READ 5513	Literacy and the Diverse Learner		3
SCHs			6
Total SCHs:			30