

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

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. 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 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 Health Studies track prepares students to assume jobs in industry and organizations that promote women's health and wellness for individuals, as well as for communities. This track also provides students with preparation to address racial, class, and gender inequities that impact women's health and people's wellness in marginalized communities. Students pursuing this track can also apply for graduate programs and become postsecondary educators.

The Health Studies track includes prescribed electives in health studies, psychology, sociology, English, and dance. Electives must be approved by the advisor. Students on this track must complete three hours of approved internships for credit.