Interdisciplinary Graduate Opportunities

Graduate Minor and Graduate Certificate

About the Cross-Cultural Studies Program
The Cross-Cultural Studies (CCS) program is designed to provide fundamental competencies on multicultural and international/transnational issues as well as core principles of human development and socio-political factors affecting diverse populations from a global perspective. The CCS program is supported by a multi-disciplinary curriculum geared toward enhancing cross-cultural knowledge, skills, and leadership, along with life-time professional success in a broad variety of traditional and nontraditional career paths. The CCS program includes two different options: a Graduate Minor and a Graduate Certificate. TTU system degree seekers across master’s and doctoral programs can pursue both the Graduate Minor and the Graduate Certificate whereas the Graduate Certificate is open to non-degree seekers aiming to enhance their professional expertise by incorporating cross-cultural knowledge into their careers.

The program encourages critical thinking and analytical reasoning to develop an in-depth understanding of practical applications of cross-cultural theoretical frameworks and methodologies (qualitative-quantitative) from a multidisciplinary perspective. Students also evaluate the significance of cross-cultural knowledge and the main challenges and issues experienced by professionals across fields in today’s multicultural society.
Requirements for the Graduate Minor are as follows:

• Completion of 15 hours of courses as approved by director of the CCS program.

• Nine hours of required coursework (see core courses below).

• Six hours of electives (2 courses) approved by the cross-cultural studies program director. Students can choose and combine courses from electives across disciplines in the university system.

• No courses may be taken for pass/fail credit. With approval of the program director, some special topic courses may be taken for credit more than once.

Requirements for the Graduate Certificate are as follows:

• Completion of 12 hours of courses as approved by director of the CCS program.

• Nine hours of required coursework (see core courses below).

• Three hours of electives (1 course) approved by the cross-cultural studies program director. Students can choose and combine courses from electives across disciplines in the university system.

• No courses may be taken for pass/fail credit. With approval of the program director, some special topic courses may be taken for credit more than once.

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Core Courses

• CCS 5301 - Foundations of Cross-Cultural Studies; 3 Semester Credit Hours

• CCS 53502 - Cross-Cultural Research Methods; 3 Semester Credit Hours

• CCS 5303 - Issues in Cross-Cultural Studies; 3 Semester Credit Hours