THE PROGRAM
The Transnational, Cultural, and Community Studies (TCCS) Program is a critical comparative ethnic studies graduate program with signature elements emphasizing transdisciplinarity and the recognition of transnational global–local connections. TCCS centers on race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, class, and other social categories related to power and privilege that impact the experiences of both U.S.-born and immigrant members of racialized communities in the United States. The transdisciplinary program brings together scholarly research, cultural expression, and meaningful community partnerships in order to understand the histories and contemporary lives of racialized communities in the United States. The transdisciplinary program brings together scholarly research, cultural expression, and meaningful community partnerships in order to understand the histories and contemporary lives of racialized communities in the United States. The transdisciplinary program brings together scholarly research, cultural expression, and meaningful community partnerships in order to understand the histories and contemporary lives of racialized communities in the United States.

OUR APPROACH
Our transdisciplinary approach emphasizes the mobilization of knowledge for social justice. Transdisciplinarity entails integration across relevant disciplines as a means of addressing complex social issues that impact the everyday lives of individuals and communities beyond academia. A highly creative, flexible, and collaborative approach, transdisciplinarity is particularly apt for the social justice mission of TCCS and UMass Boston.

TCCS aims to develop critical understandings and action skills in students with diverse career goals, providing a core of shared knowledge while enabling students to tailor their programs to meet particular interests. Students receive individual mentoring and advising as part of a community that fosters a collaborative learning environment and meaningful community partnerships to promote student success and contributions to the social, economic, political, and cultural empowerment of racially diverse communities.

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A graduate program for those seeking knowledge and skills to promote social justice

TCSS Students...
- Work with a racially and ethnically diverse, nationally recognized faculty with expertise in transdisciplinary research and teaching practices that draw from ethnic studies, cultural studies, sociology, anthropology, history, psychology, public health, public policy, gender and sexuality studies, and literary and popular culture studies.
- Join a group of students with diverse life experiences, identities, professional goals, and academic backgrounds committed to promoting social transformation and collective empowerment.
- Individualize their programs in order to develop more-focused understandings and skills in analysis, research, program development, program evaluation, education, and other applications necessary for pursuing a wide array of careers.
- Foster skills and experience partnering with community-based organizations working with racially and economically marginalized communities to mobilize strengths promoting resilience, growth, and social justice.
- Benefit from close mentoring in developing a capstone project that integrates student learning from the curriculum in relation to a real issue or challenge of the student’s choice.

About UMass Boston
The University of Massachusetts Boston, metropolitan Boston's only public university, offers its diverse student population both an intimate learning environment and the rich experience of a great U.S. city. UMass Boston’s eleven colleges and graduate school serve nearly 17,000 students. UMass Boston is also a federally recognized Minority Serving Institution, designated by the U.S. Department of Education as an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution. Approximately 60% of students at UMass Boston are first-generation college students. To learn more about UMass Boston, visit www.umb.edu.

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW
The TCCS Program consists of 37 to 40 credits, distributed over 6 core courses, an individualized sequence of 5 electives, and a minimum of 6 credits devoted to a capstone project and associated seminar.

Core courses for MS in TCCS

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CORE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

TCCS 600: Professional Seminar
A one-credit course consisting of workshops on assessing, developing, and supporting skills for successful graduate studies and career planning.

TCCS 610: Topics in Transnational, Cultural, and Community Studies
An introduction to critical concepts and issues in TCCS, including: racial formation, intersectionality, colonialism and post-colonialism, globalization, transnationalism, and community formation.

TCCS 611: Migration and Diaspora
Explores recent scholarship and theories in migration and diaspora studies as well as various forms of cultural expression (e.g., poetry, film, music, and literature) produced within diasporic communities.

TCCS 612: Community Formation and Development
Using case studies drawn from local communities, students learn concepts, theories, and techniques for understanding community dynamics as well as conducting research in and working with communities.

TCCS 622: Transdisciplinary Research in Practice
Provides hands-on experience in designing and implementing research across disciplinary boundaries.

TCCS 623: Transdisciplinary Research Methods
Provides training in designing transdisciplinary research that integrates multiple disciplines, and in transdisciplinary collaboration.

Individualized Programming: Electives and Certificates
Five electives build upon the core curriculum and complement students’ interests and professional goals. Students may develop a unique sequence of electives or complete a TCCS-approved graduate certificate program. Electives for TCCS include graduate courses from within TCCS as well as courses from other graduate disciplines or programs, such as Global Inclusion and Social Development, Conflict Resolution, American Studies, Environmental Sciences, Gerontology, Urban Planning and Community Development, or Applied Sociology. Alternatively, TCCS offers the unique opportunity of fulfilling the elective sequence through the completion of a graduate certificate (at least 15 credits) in one of various areas, including:

- Human Rights
- Conflict Resolution
- Survey Research
- Gender, Leadership, and Public Policy

For a current list of TCCS-approved electives and certificate programs see the program’s website.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION
A completed application includes:

- A statement of purpose and interest in TCCS (approximately 1,500 words).
- Two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant’s interests and who can evaluate the potential for sustained graduate study. At least one letter must be from a faculty member with whom the applicant is studying or has studied.
- Additional supporting materials (e.g., transcripts, resume, writing sample, test scores).
- An application fee of $60 (domestic applicants) or $100 (international applicants).

Applications are due March 1. Applications received after that date will be reviewed on a space-available basis. For additional details, see the program website www.umb.umb.edu/tccs.ms@umb.edu.

Apply online at www.umb.edu/admissions/grad/apply. For additional information, send an email to TCCS.program@umb.edu.