Dual Degree:  
**Master of Arts/Master of Public Affairs**

This degree program is offered by the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS) and the LBJ School (LBJ) at the University of Texas at Austin. The Dual Degree Program responds to an increased need in the public, nonprofit and private sectors for specialists who have advanced training in policy analysis and leadership and management skills, as well a comprehensive understanding of women’s and gender issues. Applicants for the Dual Degree Program must meet the general admission criteria of the Graduate School and the admission criteria for both the LBJ School and the Center for Women’s and Gender Studies. Students in the program will be able to complete both degrees in three academic years with a total of 63 credit hours.

Students pursuing the dual degree in Women’s and Gender Studies and Public Affairs must complete one Policy Research Project and write a thesis under the supervision of WGS faculty. All students must complete certain core courses offered by both programs. For WGS, these courses are *Foundations I: Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS 390), Foundations II: Feminist Theories (WGS 391), and Foundations III: Research Seminar on Women’s and Gender Studies (WGS 392)* for a total of nine credit hours. In addition to the core courses, students are required to write a master’s thesis under the supervision of WGS faculty and completing *Thesis (WGS 698A)* and *(WGS 698B)*, making 15 total core credit hours for WGS.

For the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the required core courses are *Policy Research Project (PA 682), Applied Microeconomics for Policy Analysis (PA 393K), Introduction to Quantitative Analysis (PA 397), Politics and Process (PA 383C), and Advanced Management (PA 384C)*, for a total of 18 credit hours. The total core of both programs is a total of 33 credit hours. In addition to the core courses above, students may pursue a variety of electives (30 credit hours) of their choosing from additional courses offered by the LBJ School, Women’s and Gender Studies, and other departments across campus and approved by both graduate advisors.

Details are available from the graduate adviser of either program.