

# GREAT TEXTS, CERTIFICATE

Website: <https://www.washburn.edu/academics/interdisciplinary-studies/great-texts.html>

Washburn University's Great TEXTS certificate program is an interdisciplinary program that engages students in reading transformative texts to explore big, timely, and timeless problems and questions of humankind. The program is open to students in all majors and degree programs, especially those who want to enhance their reading, writing, speaking, and critical-thinking skills. Each Great TEXTS course is team-taught by a pair of faculty members through an approach inspired by humanist traditions. Each course also includes unique opportunities to pursue knowledge outside of the traditional classroom, including travel to historic and cultural sites and engagement with the community. Additional benefits of the TEXTS program include smaller classes that are discussion based. The unique Great TEXTS plan of study helps students to see connections between the topics they study and contemporary debates that they will confront as business, science, political, and industry leaders and as citizens in a multicultural democracy. Great TEXTS courses are Transformative, EXperiential, and Team-Taught Studies.

<sup>2</sup> With faculty consultation, students will complete a project based in transformational texts that applies to their lives, major, and interests. The project may be based in research, creative work, or community engagement.

## Student Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the certificate program will be able to:

- Engage critically with transformative texts, drawing on multiple perspectives, to reflect on one's position in the world
- Analyze major intellectual ideas, human institutions, and human behavior as expressed in transformative texts from the Western and non-Western traditions
- Apply interdisciplinary methods and theories from the liberal arts to current challenges facing individuals, communities, and societies.

## Plan of Study

The certificate program requires a total of 9 credit hours of Great TEXTS courses.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Required Introductory Course</i>		
TX 100	Critical Thinking, Communication, and Transformative Texts: Antiquity to Modernity	3
<i>Additional Seminar Courses</i> <sup>1</sup>		
Students will need to select at least 2 additional courses from the list below.		6
TX 200	Enduring Questions and Transformative Texts	
TX 300	Complex Problems and Transformative Texts	
TX 301	Inspiring Visions and Transformative Texts	
<i>Optional Capstone-this may be counted toward the 9 credit hours required for the certificate</i> <sup>2</sup>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>9</b>

<sup>1</sup> These seminars will approach an important and timely problem or question from the perspective of the humanities. Topics will vary by semester.