

PhD Curriculum

The doctoral program in social work is divided into three areas:

Foundation Courses in the School of Social Work (15 credit hours)

SW 7200 Integrative Colloquium in Social Work I: Broad-ranging analysis and discussion of problems and issues in the social work profession.

SW 7201 Integrative Colloquium in Social Work II: Broad-ranging analysis and discussion of problems and issues in the social work profession.

SW 7202 Issues and Research Problems in Social Policy: Issues and problems in social welfare policy; research focus on policy formulation.

SW 7204 Issues and Research Problems in Social Work Intervention: Social work intervention with individuals, families, groups, and communities; formulation and development of problem-solving research agendas.

SW 7207 Integrative Seminar: Taught as an Integrative Seminar to develop research questions and hypotheses, and initial drafts of the dissertation proposal, including introduction, literature review, and methodology sections. (If fewer than five eligible students, they will register for SW 7905/6 Independent Reading and Research in Social Work.)

Research Methods and Statistics and Interdisciplinary and Elective Courses (24 credit hours)

12 credit hours in this category must be taken outside of the social work department

Research Methods and Statistics

Stats 1: Taken outside of department (e.g., POLI 7962, ELRC7006)

Stats 2: Taken outside of department (e.g., POLI 7963, ELRC7016)

Research Cognate (e.g., ELRC 7280, ELRC 7243, ELRC 7220): One additional research course taken outside of department, chosen in consultation with the student's advisor, directly related to dissertation needs.

SW 7206 Research Practicum: Hands-on supervised research experience; demonstration of collaborative and/or independent research.

Interdisciplinary and Elective Courses

Students, in consultation with an advisor, will choose additional nine hours of required course work, augmented for PhD credit, incorporating one or more of the following academic disciplines: Anthropology, Economics, Education (ELRC), Finance, History, Human Ecology, Management, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work.

Students without an MSW: At least 9 hours of Social Work courses including SW 7004 Human Diversity and Oppression plus two (2) additional Electives

Students with MSW: Four (4) additional Electives

Dissertation (15 credit hours)

SW 9000 Dissertation