

PhD Curriculum



Curriculum Summary

This curriculum sheet will be reflected in the 2017-2018 PhD Handbook. Each entering cohort follows the handbook guidelines from their year or a subsequent year.

Required courses

Substantive Social Work (6 courses)	16 hours
Research (5 courses)	15 hours
Minor	12 hours
Statistical Proficiency (2 courses)	6 hours
Dissertation Research	24 hours
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Total	73 hours

Substantive Social Work (16 hours)

SW 600	Social Work and the Welfare State
SW 601	Seminar in Doctoral Education (1 hour)
SW 605	Social Work Education
SW 640	Concepts and Theories of Social Work Practice
SW 648	Seminar in Social Work: Special Topics (May be repeated once)
SW 660	Independent Study (May not be taken more than once without permission from the PhD Program Director.)

Research Methods (15 hours)

SW 620	Social Work Research I (To be taken during the student's first semester in the PhD program.)
SW 621	Social Work Research II (To be taken during the student's second semester in the PhD program.)
SW 623	Seminar in Qualitative Research
SW 628	Research Practicum

(Any of the following courses)

SW 622	Observation and Measurement
SW 626	Seminar in Mixed Methods Research

Statistics Proficiency

The PhD Program in Social Work requires students to be proficient in statistics. Such proficiency may be demonstrated by successfully completing one of the four approved statistics course sequences:

In the UA College of Education (6 hours):

- BER 540 Statistical Methods in Education
- BER 640 Multivariate Dependence Methods

In the UA College of Community Health Sciences (6 hours):

- CHS 525 Biostatistics
- CHS 627 Multivariate Methods in Health Statistics

In the UA Department of Political Science (6 hours):

- PSC 522 Quantitative Methods in Political Science I
- PSC 621 Quantitative Methods in Political Science II

In the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) (6 hours):

- BST 601 Biostatistics I
- BST 602 Biostatistics II

12 elective credits

24 dissertation credits

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Typical Course of Study**

<i>1st Year Fall Semester</i>	
SW 620 - Social Work Research I	3 hours
SW 601 - Seminar in Doctoral Education	1 hours
Statistics	3 hours
SW 640 - Concepts and Theories of Social Work Practice	3 hours
Some students take an additional elective	2-3 hours
Total	10-13 hours
<i>1st Year Spring Semester</i>	
SW 621 - Social Work Research II	3 hours

Continuation of Statistics Sequence	3 hours
SW 600 - Social Work and the Welfare State	3 hours
SW 605 - Social Work Education	3 hours
Total	12 Hours
<i>2nd Year Fall Semester</i>	
SW 623 – Qualitative Methods Seminar	3 hours
Research Elective: SW 622 and/or SW 629	3-6 hours
SW 648 or SW 660	3-6 hours
Electives	3-6 hours
Total	12-15 hours
<i>2nd Year Spring Semester</i>	
SW 628 - Research Practicum	3 hours
Research Elective: SW 626 and/or SW 629	3-6 hours
Elective and/or SW 660 - Independent Study and/or SW 648 - Special Topics	3-9 hours
Total	9-15 hours
<i>3rd Year Fall Semester</i>	
Remaining coursework or dissertation proposal preparation (SW 698)	3-12 hours
Total	3-12 hours
<i>3rd Year Spring Semester</i>	
Dissertation Hours (SW 699)	12 hours
<i>Remaining semesters</i>	
Dissertation Hours (SW 699)	12 hours
COURSE CREDIT HOURS	49 hours
DISSERTATION HOURS	24 hours
TOTAL HOURS	73 hours