Curriculum Summary

Each entering cohort should review the PhD handbook for guidelines for their year or subsequent year.

Required courses

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Substantive Social Work (19 hours)

- SW 600 Social Work and the Welfare State
- SW 601 Seminar in Doctoral Education (1 hour)
- SW 605 Social Work Education
- SW 627 Systemic Review
- SW 640 Conceptual Foundations of Social Work Practice and Research
- SW 641 Applying Theory in the Development of Social Work Knowledge
- SW 648 Seminar in Social Work: Special Topics (may be repeated once)

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
**Statistics (6 hours)**

Statistics 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

Please refer to the PhD Handbook for an example of semester by semester course of study.