

# PhD Curriculum



## Curriculum Summary

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

### Required courses

<b>Substantive Social Work (7 courses)</b>	<b>19 hours</b>
<b>Research (5 courses)</b>	<b>15 hours</b>
<b>Electives</b>	<b>9 hours</b>
<b>Statistical Proficiency (2 courses)</b>	<b>6 hours</b>
<b><u>Dissertation Research</u></b>	<b><u>24 hours</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>73 hours</b>

### 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.**