SOCIAL WELFARE, PhD

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirementstext), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

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Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirement | Detail
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Minimum Credit Requirement | 51 credits
Minimum Residence Credits Requirement | 32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement | 43 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/).
Overall GPA | 3.00 GPA required.
Graduate GPA Requirement | This program follows the Graduate School's policy: https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203 (https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/).
Other Grade Requirements | Students must pass all courses with a grade of B or better. A student must retake any required course in which a lower grade than B is received, except for the statistics sequence where a grade of BC or C may be offset by a grade of A or AB in another statistics course.

Assessments and Examinations

Doctoral students are required to complete a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination after they have cleared their record of all Incomplete and Progress grades (other than research and thesis). Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.

Language Requirements

Graduate School Breadth Requirement

Students are not required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate.

REQUIRED COURSES

The first two years of the curriculum emphasize methodological, statistical, theoretical, and substantive coursework. A variety of social welfare seminars are offered within the school. Students from several departments are invited to join these seminars creating a rich interdisciplinary training environment.

Two foundation social welfare research methods seminars cover the fundamentals of research design and implementation relevant to the design and conduct of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research. Research methods seminars provide practical experience and application of research knowledge and skills (e.g., proposal writing and data analysis).

The social policy and applied theory seminars address specific substantive issues (e.g., poverty, child welfare, family policy), as well as core policy analytics and models of the application of social theory to social problems, respectively. The social welfare faculty research seminar (SOC WORK 946 Faculty Research Seminar, fall semester); and two student research seminars (SOC WORK 947 Student Research Seminar, spring semesters) provide opportunity for professional socialization to the field and development of research interests.

The curriculum is designed to require students to take courses in other departments based on their individualized learning needs. Students take substantive and research courses focusing on topics related to their specialization.

Students select an approved social science theory course; two statistics courses; two substantive elective courses; and two statistics/methodology elective courses.

The minimum total credit requirement is 51 and students typically take at least 9 credits in the form of SOC WORK 999 Independent Reading and SOC WORK 990 Thesis—Research under the supervision of their major professor while working on their preliminary exam and their dissertation.

Standard PhD Coursework

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<td>SOC WORK 711</td>
<td>Human Behavior and the Environment</td>
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<td>SOC WORK 946</td>
<td>Faculty Research Seminar</td>
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<td>SOC WORK 947</td>
<td>Student Research Seminar (taken twice for 2 credits)</td>
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SOC WORK 948 Proseminar 3
SOC WORK 949 Proseminar 3
SOC WORK 950 PhD Proseminar 2
SOC WORK 950 PhD Proseminar 3
SOC WORK 951 PhD Proseminar 2
SOC WORK 952 PhD Proseminar 4
or SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 Evaluation Research

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1. SOC WORK 675, SOC WORK 708, and SOC WORK 711 is a selection of coursework that indicates competence in the practice of social work. Students entering with a BSW and/or MSW degree earned within the last ten years have demonstrated these competencies, regardless of the specific coursework previously completed, resulting in 6 transfer credits, and an exemption of SOC WORK 675, SOC WORK 708, and SOC WORK 711.

2. SOC WORK 950 and SOC WORK 951 must each be taken once (1).

3. SOC WORK 950 OR SOC WORK 951 must be taken a second time (2).

4. SOC WORK 952 OR SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 must be taken once (1). SOC WORK 952 AND SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 can both be taken once, in which case, either SOC WORK 952 or SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 can count as a statistics/methods course requirement. SOC WORK 952 may be taken twice, in which case it can meet a statistics/methods course requirement.

**Required PhD Elective Sequence**

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1. Dissertators must enroll during the semester or general 8-week summer session (DHH) in which they expect to earn a degree. Students must be enrolled during the semester when they defend the dissertation and when they deposit the dissertation. For details, see https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1208/.

**Total Credits**

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**Required PhD Research**

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2. With PhD Program Chair approval, students may register for an independent reading course (SOC WORK 999) with faculty to fulfill the social science theory (must be a faculty member outside of SRSSW) or a substantive or statistics/methods elective requirement for a maximum of 6 credits. This requires developing a proposed learning plan, identifying a faculty member with expertise in the area of interest, and requesting supervision. All plans must be approved by the PhD Program Chair before enrolling.

3. At least 1 of the 2 substantive elective courses must NOT be a Social Work (SOC WORK (http://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc_work/)) course but a class taken outside of the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work (SRSSW).