

SOCIAL WELFARE, PH.D.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

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

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/ Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

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

Minimum Credit Requirement 51 credits

Minimum Residence Credit Requirement 32 credits

Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement 51 credits must be taken at the UW–Madison and either have the graduate attribute, or have approval from the PhD Program Chair. Details can be found in the Graduate School's Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/>)).

Overall Graduate GPA Requirement 3.00 GPA required. 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 n/a

Graduate School Breadth Requirement Doctoral Social Welfare 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 some courses in departments throughout the campus, based on their individualized learning needs. Students take substantive and research courses focusing on topics related to their specialization. A wide selection of courses in world-renowned social and behavioral science departments is available. Students select an approved social science theory course; two statistics courses (typically C&E SOC/SOC 361 Statistics for Sociologists II –SOC 362 Statistics for Sociologists III or ED PSYCH 760 Statistical Methods Applied to Education I–ED PSYCH 761 Statistical Methods Applied to Education II); two substantive elective courses; two statistics/methodology elective courses. The Program standard is 8 credits minimum per semester, unless approved by the Program Chair. Years three and four (or five) are dedicated to the preparation and completion of preliminary examinations and dissertation research.

For Students Entering with an MSW

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Semester 1		
Statistics I		3
SOC WORK 946	Faculty Research Seminar	1

SOC WORK 949 or SOC WORK 948	Proseminar Proseminar	3
SOC WORK 950 or SOC WORK 951	PhD Proseminar PhD Proseminar	3
Spring Semester 1		
	Statistics II	3
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar	1
	Social Science Theory or Elective ¹	3
SOC WORK 952 or SOC WORK/ ED PSYCH 945	PhD Proseminar Evaluation Research	3
Fall Semester 2		
	Statistics/Methods or Substantive Course Elective ¹	3
	Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ¹	3
SOC WORK 948 or SOC WORK 949	Proseminar Proseminar	3
SOC WORK 951 or SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar PhD Proseminar	3
Spring Semester 2		
	Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ¹	3
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar	1
	Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ¹	3
SOC WORK 952 or SOC WORK/ ED PSYCH 945	PhD Proseminar ² Evaluation Research	3

Total Credits **42**

1

See Statistics/Methods, Theory, or Substantive Course Electives tab for suggested courses. Consult with PhD Program Chair to determine how course meets program requirements.

2

Students may opt to take SOC WORK 952 PhD Proseminar twice and can count it once as a Statistics or Methods elective. Students may choose to take SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 Evaluation Research as a methods elective requirement.

MSW/PhD in Social Welfare for Students Without a BSW

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Semester 1		
	Statistics I	3
SOC WORK 605	The Field of Social Work	2
SOC WORK 711	Human Behavior and the Environment	2
SOC WORK 946	Faculty Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK 950 or SOC WORK 951	PhD Proseminar PhD Proseminar	3
SOC WORK 948 or SOC WORK 949	Proseminar Proseminar	3
Spring Semester 1		
	Statistics II	3

	Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ³	3
SOC WORK 710	Diversity, Oppression and Social Justice in Social Work	2
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK/ ED PSYCH 945 or SOC WORK 952	Evaluation Research PhD Proseminar	3

Fall Semester 2

SOC WORK 400	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar I	4
SOC WORK 441	Generalist Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups	3
SOC WORK 442	Generalist Practice with Communities and Organizations	2
SOC WORK 949 or SOC WORK 948	Proseminar Proseminar	3

Spring Semester 2

SOC WORK 401	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar II	4
SOC WORK 612	Psychopathology in Generalist Social Work Practice ⁴	2
SOC WORK 952 or SOC WORK/ ED PSYCH 945	PhD Proseminar Evaluation Research	3
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice ¹	2

Fall Semester 3

SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III ¹	5
	MSW Advanced Practice Course (i.e., SOC WORK 741, 821, 835, or 873)	2
	MSW Advanced Practice Elective ¹	2
SOC WORK 949 or SOC WORK 948	Proseminar Proseminar	3
SOC WORK 950 or SOC WORK 951	PhD Proseminar PhD Proseminar	3

Spring Semester 3

SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	5
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK 952 or SOC WORK/ ED PSYCH 945	PhD Proseminar ² Evaluation Research	3
	Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ³	3
	Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ³	3

Total Credits **79**

1

See PhD Chair for suggested MSW Elective courses.

2

Students may opt to take SOC WORK 952 PhD Proseminar twice and can count it once as a Statistics or Methods elective. Students may choose to take SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 Evaluation Research as a methods elective requirement.

3

See Statistics/Methods, Theory, or Substantive Course Electives tab for suggested courses. Consult with PhD Program Chair to determine how course meets program requirements.

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SOC WORK 612 Psychopathology in Generalist Social Work Practice may also be taken in the summer before or after Year 2.

MSW/PhD in Social Welfare for Students With a BSW

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Semester 1		
Statistics I		3
SOC WORK 946	Faculty Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK 949	Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 948 Proseminar	
SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 951 PhD Proseminar	
Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ⁴		3
Spring Semester 1		
Statistics II		3
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar	1
Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ⁴		3
Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ⁴		3
SOC WORK 612	Psychopathology in Generalist Social Work Practice ¹	2
Fall Semester 2		
SOC WORK 800	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar III	5
MSW Advanced Practice Course (i.e., SOC WORK 741, 821, 835, or 873)		2
MSW Advanced Practice Elective ²		2
SOC WORK 949	Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 948 Proseminar	
SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 951 PhD Proseminar	
Spring Semester 2		
SOC WORK 801	Field Practice and Integrative Seminar IV	5
SOC WORK 840	Advanced Macro Practice	2
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK 952	PhD Proseminar ³	3
	or SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945	
Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ⁴		3
Fall Semester 3		

Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ⁴	3
Statistics/Methods or Substantive Course Elective ⁴	3
Spring Semester 3	
Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ⁴	3
Total Credits	63

1

SOC WORK 612 Psychopathology in Generalist Social Work Practice may also be taken in the summer before or after Year 1.

2

See PhD Chair for suggested MSW Elective courses.

3

Students may opt to take SOC WORK 952 PhD Proseminar twice and can count it once as a Statistics or Methods elective. Students may choose to take SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 Evaluation Research as a methods elective requirement.

4

See Statistics/Methods, Theory, or Substantive Course Electives tab for suggested courses. Consult with PhD Program Chair to determine how course meets program requirements.

PhD-only

Code	Title	Credits
Fall Semester 1		
Statistics I		3
SOC WORK 605	The Field of Social Work	2
SOC WORK 711	Human Behavior and the Environment	2
SOC WORK 946	Faculty Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK 949	Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 948 Proseminar	
SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 951 PhD Proseminar	
Spring Semester 1		
Statistics II		3
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 951 PhD Proseminar	
Social Science Theory, Statistics/Methods, or Substantive Course Elective ³		3
SOC WORK 952	PhD Proseminar ²	3
	or SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945	
Fall Semester 2		
Social Science Theory ³		3
SOC WORK 675	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare (Social Work Internship) ¹	2
SOC WORK 949	Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 948 Proseminar	
SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar	3
	or SOC WORK 951 PhD Proseminar	
Spring Semester 2		
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar	1

SOC WORK 948	Proseminar (or Elective)	3
SOC WORK 952	PhD Proseminar ²	3
or SOC WORK/ ED PSYCH 945	Evaluation Research	
Statistics/Methods or Substantive Course Elective ³		3
Statistics/Methods or Substantive Course Elective ³		3

Total Credits **51**

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The 2-credit internship is intended to introduce students to the profession of social work and practice.

2

Students may opt to take SOC WORK 952 PhD Proseminar twice and can count it once as a Statistics or Methods elective. Students may choose to take SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 Evaluation Research as a methods elective requirement.

3

See Statistics/Methods, Theory, or Substantive Course Electives tab for suggested courses. Consult with PhD Program Chair to determine how course meets program requirements.

Statistics/Methods, Theory, or Substantive Course Electives

Code	Title	Credits
CNSR SCI 930	Seminar in Family Economic Policy	3
COUN PSY 960	Research Methods in Counseling Psychology, II	3
CSCS 501	Special Topics	3
CSCS 801	Special Topics in Civil Society and Community Research	3
CURRIC/ COUN PSY/ED POL/ ED PSYCH/ELPA/ RP & SE 789	Qualitative Research Methods in Education: Field Methods II	3
ED PSYCH/ COUN PSY/ RP & SE 737	Seminar in History and Systems of Psychology	3
ED PSYCH 760	Statistical Methods Applied to Education I	3
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II	3
ED PSYCH 762	Introduction to the Design of Educational Experiments	3
ED PSYCH 763	Regression Models in Education	3
ED PSYCH 771	Test Construction	3
ED PSYCH 845	Psychopharmacological Treatments for Children and Adolescents	3
ED PSYCH 946	Advanced Assessment and Intervention Techniques	3
ED PSYCH 960	Structural Equation Modeling	3
ED PSYCH 963	Design & Analysis of Quasi-Experiments for Causal Inference	3
ED PSYCH 964	Hierarchical Linear Modeling	3
ELPA/ED POL/ PUB AFFR 765	Issues in Educational Policy Analysis	3

ELPA/ ED PSYCH 827	Surveys and Other Quantitative Data Collection Strategies	3
ELPA 940	Special Topics Seminar in Educational Leadership	3
GEN&WS/C&E SOC/ SOC 904	Sociological Perspectives on Gender	3
GEN&WS/ POLI SCI 933	Feminist Political Theory	3
HDFS 766	Current Topics in Human Development and Family Studies	3
HDFS 818	Attachment Theory and Relationships Across the Lifespan	3
HDFS 865	Family Theory I (Survey)	3
HDFS 869	Advanced Seminar in Family Stress and Coping	3
HDFS/ED PSYCH/ NURSING/ SOC WORK 880	Prevention Science	3
HIST SCI/ MED HIST 919	Graduate Studies in Medical History	3
INTER-HE 793	Research Methods	3
NURSING 818	Patient-centered Research	3
NURSING 772	Leadership and Organizational Decision-Making in Health Care	3
POP HLTH/B M I 651	Advanced Regression Methods for Population Health	3
POP HLTH 709	Translational and Outcomes Research in Health and Health Care	3
POP HLTH 795	Principles of Population Health Sciences	3
POP HLTH 796	Introduction to Health Services Research	3
POP HLTH/ SOC 797	Introduction to Epidemiology	3
PUB AFFR 819	Advanced Statistical Methods for Public Policy Analysis	3
PUB AFFR/ POLI SCI 871	Public Program Evaluation	3
PUB AFFR 880	Microeconomic Policy Analysis	3
PUB AFFR 888	Comparative and National Social Policy	3
PUB AFFR 974	Topics in Public Affairs	3
RP & SE 560	Psychosocial Aspects of Chronic Illness and Disability	3
SOC/C&E SOC 361	Statistics for Sociologists II	4
SOC 362	Statistics for Sociologists III	4
SOC 351	Introduction to Survey Methods for Social Research	3-4
SOC/C&E SOC/ URB R PL 617	Community Development	3
SOC 751	Survey Methods for Social Research	3
SOC 752	Measurement and Questionnaires for Survey Research	3
SOC 901	Seminar: Topics in Current Sociology	3

SOC 952	Seminar-Mathematical and Statistical Applications in Sociology	3	NURSING 702	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in Diverse Communities	3
SOC/ED POL 955	Seminar-Qualitative Methodology	3	NURSING 807	Grounded Theory Research	3
SOC/C&E SOC 971	Seminar-Topics in Demography and Ecology	3	NURSING 805	Measurement in Health Research	3
URB R PL 844	Housing and Public Policy	3			
COUN PSY/ ED PSYCH/ HDFS 726	Ethnic and Racial Diversity in Social Development	3			
NURSING 715	Evaluation of Health Informatics Solutions	3			
SOC 632	Sociology of Organizations	3-4			
ED PSYCH 721	Adolescent Development	3			
ED PSYCH/ HDFS 725	Theory and Issues in Human Development	3			
ED PSYCH 965	Applied Bayesian Statistics for Education Research	3			
CSCS 811	Community-Based Research: Theory and Practice	3			
HDFS 872	Bridging the Gap Between Research and Action	3			
URB R PL/ECON/ PUB AFFR 734	Regional Economic Problem Analysis	3			
URB R PL 512	Gentrification and Urban Restructuring	3			
ELPA 860	Organizational Theory and Behavior in Education	3			
POP HLTH 876	Measuring Health Outcomes	3			
GEN&WS 720	Special Topics in Gender and Women's Studies	1-3			
GEN&WS 800	Research Methods in Gender & Women's Studies	3			
GEN&WS/ ANTHRO 920	Anthropology of Gender	3			
ANTHRO 909	Research Methods and Research Design in Cultural Anthropology	3			
GEN&WS/ HIST SCI 537	Childbirth in the United States	3			
LEGAL ST/ GEN&WS/SOC 425	Crime, Gender and Justice	3			
S&A PHM 702	Mixed Methods for Health Sciences: Purpose, Design and Approach	2			
ED PSYCH/ HDFS/NURSING/ SOC WORK 881	Capstone Seminar in Prevention Science	1			
CSCS 812	Mixed-Methods in Community-Based Research	3			
HDFS 663	Developmental and Family Assessment	3			
GEOG/ URB R PL 505	Urban Spatial Patterns and Theories	3			
ED PSYCH 773	Factor Analysis, Multidimensional Scaling and Cluster Analysis	3			
NURSING 802	Ethics and the Responsible Conduct of Research	1			