

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

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	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 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	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

Code	Title	Credits
SOC WORK 675	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare ¹	2
SOC WORK 708	The Field of Social Work ¹	2
SOC WORK 711	Human Behavior and the Environment ¹	2
SOC WORK 946	Faculty Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar (taken twice for 2 credits)	2

SOC WORK 948	Proseminar	3
SOC WORK 949	Proseminar	3
SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar ²	3
SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar ³	3
or SOC WORK 951	PhD Proseminar	
SOC WORK 951	PhD Proseminar ²	3
SOC WORK 952	PhD Proseminar ⁴	3
or SOC WORK/ ED PSYCH 945	Evaluation Research	
Total Credits		27

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

Code	Title	Credits
Social Science Theory Elective (1) ^{1,2}		3
Substantive Elective (1) ^{2,3}		3
Statistics 2		3-4
Statistics 3		3-4
Substantive Elective (2) ^{2,3}		3
Stats/Methods Elective (1) ²		3
Stats/Methods Elective (2) ²		3
Total Credits		21-23

¹ Social science theory 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).

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).

Required PhD Research

Code	Title	Credits
SOC WORK 990	Thesis-Research ¹	3
Total Credits		3

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> (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1208/>).