THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

SOCIAL WELFARE (PHD)

Description

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree program in social welfare is designed to train and mentor students to become competent scholars and advanced applied practitioners that advance knowledge and provide leadership in addressing issues pertinent to at-risk and vulnerable populations. The program consists of 54 post-master's level credit hours. The requirements for the Ph.D. degree will be as follows: 21 hours in a substantive core area of social work, 15 hours of research methods and statistics, and 18 hours of dissertation. Six hours of substantive core credit may be taken in other related departments upon the approval of the dissertation chair in consultation with graduate program coordinator.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 54

Course Requirements

All students are required to complete the following:

Code	Title	Hours
Substantive Core Area of Social Work		
SCWK 7010	Colloquium I	3
SCWK 7030	Topics with At-Risk Populations	3
SCWK 7040	Theories & Research in Neuro & Behaviora	3
SCWK 7060	History of Social Welfare	3
SCWK 7012	Colloquium II	3
SCWK 7090	Social Policy Analysis	3
SCWK 7130	Special Topics (or substantive elective)	3
Research Methods and Statistics		
SCWK 7020	Research Design in Social Work	3
SCWK 7050	Applied and Inferential Statistics	3
SCWK 7100	Issues & Research Problems in SW Interve (or research or statistics elective)	3
SCWK 7110	Qualitative Methods in Social Work Resea	3
SCWK 7120	Advanced Statistics in Social Work	3

Other Academic Requirements

Upon completion of the coursework, the Comprehensive Exam (CE) takes place. The exam tests knowledge of the field based on coursework and assesses competency to advance through the dissertation. The successful completion of the CE prior to candidacy is an important milestone for students before moving on to the next phase of the doctoral program.

Students who have passed the comprehensive exam can take SCWK 7998A Dissertation (dissertation) without a cap. If students have not passed the comprehensive exam after completion of the coursework, they can take SCWK 7998A Dissertation in every semester until they pass comprehensive exam.