



Ph.D. - Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare

Minimum Total Hours for Degree: 55

Description: The Department of Social Work at The University of Mississippi is proposing a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree program in Social Welfare. Its curriculum is designed to train and mentor students to become competent scholars and advanced applied practitioners. The emphasis of the program is to advance knowledge and provide leadership in addressing issues pertinent to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

Degree Requirement: The program consists of 55 post-M.S.W. credit hours. The requirements include 21 hours in a substantive core area of social work; 16 hours of research methods and statistics; and 18 hours of dissertation tutorial and dissertation. Additional requirements for the degree include students passing a Qualifying Exam and Comprehensive Exam.

Courses:	Credit Hours	Social Work Core: 21 credit hours
SW 701 - Colloquium I	3	
SW 703 - Topics in Research with At-Risk and Vulnerable Populations	3	
SW 704 - Theories & Research in Neuro and Behavioral Science	3	
SW 706 - History of Social Welfare	3	
SW 708 - Colloquium II		
SW 709 - Policy Analysis	3	
SW 715 - Forensic Social Work (Elective)	3	Students can take this course as an elective, or another doctoral level course as an elective, from another academic unit within the School of Applied Sciences.

Courses:	Credit Hours	Research Methods and Statistics: 16 credit hours
SW 702 - Research Design	3	
SW 705 - Applied and Inferential Statistics	4	This course includes a 1-hour lab.
SW 711 - Qualitative Research Methods	3	
SW 712 - Advanced Statistics	3	
SW 710 - Issues and Research Problems in Social Work Interventions (Elective)	3	Students can take this course as an elective, or another doctoral level course as an elective, from another academic unit within the School of Applied Sciences.

Courses:	Credit Hours	Dissertation Seminar and Dissertation: 18 credit hours
SW 719 - Dissertation Seminar	3-9	Students can take the Seminar course more than once.
SW 799 - Dissertation	15	