



Future home of the School of Applied Sciences and Department of Social Work

Faculty Research Interests:

- Child Welfare
- Health Disparities
- Adolescent Health Risk Behaviors
- Poverty Inequalities
- Teaching and Curriculum Development
- Forensic Social Work
- Educational Achievement Gaps
- Epigenetics
- Trauma
- Incarceration and Reentry
- Microaggressions towards People of Color
- Intervention Research
- Technology in Social Work
- Poverty Reduction



UM Social Work Faculty and Staff

About Us

The Department of Social Work at The University of Mississippi offers a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Social Welfare. Its curriculum 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. These include, but are not limited to: racial and ethnic minorities, the economically disadvantaged, the homeless, the mentally ill, older adults, children, people with disabilities, refugee and undocumented persons, and survivors of abuse and trauma.

Contact Us

Dr. Javier F. Boyas
Director, Ph.D. Program
Phone: (662) 915-1563
Email: jfboyas@olemiss.edu
Web: sw.olemiss.edu

Follow Us

Facebook: [@olemissSW](https://www.facebook.com/olemissSW)
Twitter: [@OleMissSW](https://twitter.com/OleMissSW)



PH.D. IN SOCIAL WELFARE
Department of Social Work
212 Longstreet Hall
University, MS 38677



Future home of the School of Applied Sciences

Ph.D. in Social Welfare





James Meredith Statue and the Lyceum

The doctoral program seeks to mentor scholars and advanced applied practitioners. Graduates will be able to contribute to the advancement of knowledge in the field and the profession of in order to develop more effective and efficient interventions in social welfare. Graduates will be trained so they may assume leadership positions in teaching, research, and administration. The doctoral program's overall learning outcome objectives for doctoral students are as follows:

To become leaders in examining and addressing the needs of diverse, vulnerable and at-risk populations.

To contribute to the development and dissemination of knowledge about social work interventions as they relate to at-risk and vulnerable populations.

To develop expertise of the broad knowledge base in social work and a specialized area of knowledge germane to their individual research interests.

To be able to design data collection and analytic methods to effectively carry out quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methods research investigations.

To identify and incorporate one or more philosophies of science to guide their research.

Graduate Assistantships Available. Assistantships include tuition and fees, a stipend, and health insurance. To be considered for an Assistantship, your completed application has to be received by April 1st.

Application Deadline:
May 1

Our inaugural doctoral cohort will be admitted fall 2017.

For full application guidelines and more information on the admissions process, visit our website at: sw.olemiss.edu

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. You can complete your degree program in 3 years of full-time study.

Courses:

SW 701 - Colloquium I
SW 702 – Research Design
SW 703 - Topics in Research with At-Risk and Vulnerable Populations
SW 704 - Theories & Research in Neuro and Behavioral Science
SW 705 – Applied and Inferential Statistics
SW 706 - History of Social Welfare
SW 708 - Colloquium II
SW 709 - Policy Analysis
SW 710 – Issues and Research Problems in Social Work Interventions (Elective)
SW 711 – Qualitative Research Methods
SW 712 – Advanced Statistics
SW 715 - Forensic Social Work (Elective)
SW 719 – Dissertation Seminar

Join us for our inaugural doctoral cohort in social work at the University of Mississippi!



The University of Mississippi Circle

Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate Degree, Master of Social Work Degree (MSW), and Professional Experience
- Grade-Point Average: A cumulative grade-point average (last 60 hours) of 3.0 at the baccalaureate level and a graduate cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 is *recommended*
- Graduate Record Examination
- Statement of Career Goals: Applicants must submit a 6 page, APA formatted statement of career goals, preparation, motivation, and readiness to pursue graduate study
- 3 Letters of Reference
- A Professional Writing Sample (i.e., thesis, publication, policy brief, capstone paper)