

# SOCIAL WORK, PH.D.

## Degree Requirements

The program consists of:

- 24 credit hours of approved 7000-level course work beyond the M.S.W. degree,
- a candidacy examination,
- a thesis proposal, and
- a Ph.D. thesis.

A minimum of two years of study (the Fall and Winter terms of the first and second year following admission) is required.

### Candidacy

A candidacy examination committee will also be appointed when the student begins to prepare for the candidacy examination. This three-person committee, which includes the advisor, is responsible for administering the candidacy examination. The candidacy examination should be taken within a year of completion of coursework. The candidacy examination consists of a major paper on a topic within the student's general area of study and an oral examination of the topic covered in the paper.

### Dissertation Research

The student's Ph.D. advisory committee, chaired by a thesis advisor, provides advice and guidance in the development of the proposal for the dissertation, and during the ongoing research phase. Normally, advisory committee members become members of the examining committee for the dissertation during the final examination for the Ph.D. degree.

**Expected Time to Graduate:** 4 years

### Progression Chart

| Course   | Title  | Hours     |
|--|--|-----------|
| <b>Year 1</b>  |  |           |
| GRAD 7300  | Research Integrity Tutorial  | 0         |
| GRAD 7500  | Academic Integrity Tutorial  | 0         |
| SWRK 8010  | Perspectives on Knowledge for Social Work  | 3         |
| SWRK 8100  | Social Work Past and Present: Trends, Institutions and Practices                                 | 3         |
|  | <b>Hours</b>   | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Year 2</b>  |  |           |
| Select 9 credit hours in Research Courses <sup>1</sup>               |  | 9         |
| Select 6 credit hours in Specialization-Focused Courses <sup>2</sup> |  | 6         |
| SWRK 8200  | Indigenizing and Decolonizing the Global Academy: The Role of Social Work Education and Practice | 3         |
| Candidacy <sup>3</sup>   |  |           |
|  | <b>Hours</b>   | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Year 3</b>  |  |           |
| GRAD 8010  | Doctoral Candidacy Examination<br>(Successful completion of Candidacy Paper)                     | 0         |
| GRAD 8000  | Doctoral Thesis (Thesis Proposal Approved by Committee)  | 0         |

Finalize Ethics Approval Application

| Ethics Approval Obtained                      |   |           |
|---|---|-----------|
|   | Hours                                   | 0         |
| <b>Year 4</b>                                 |   |           |
| GRAD 8000                                     | Doctoral Thesis (Start Data Collection) | 0         |
|   | <b>Hours</b>                            | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Years 5-6</b>                              |   |           |
| GRAD 8000                                     | Doctoral Thesis                         | 0         |
| Successfully Defend the Doctoral Dissertation |   |           |
|   | <b>Hours</b>                            | <b>0</b>  |
|   | <b>Total Hours</b>                      | <b>24</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Courses selected by the student in consultation with her or his advisory committee to further her or his specialized program of study. The main criterion for selection is the appropriateness of the methodologies covered in selected courses for the area of specialization being pursued. It is strongly recommended that courses focusing on both quantitative and qualitative methodologies be included. Course selection must be approved by the Ph.D. Program Committee.

<sup>2</sup> Courses selected by the student in consultation with her or his advisory committee to establish expertise in a particular area of specialization defined as a field of policy, theory, practice or practice method. The course selection must be approved by the Ph.D. Program Committee.

<sup>3</sup> Selection of Candidacy Committee. Proposal for Candidacy paper approved.