

Program Requirements

For those admitted for Fall 2024 & Prior

Plan of Study

Students complete a total of 56 graduate credits. Eleven core courses in social work provide students with competency in:

- Advanced research methods
- Social science theories
- Social welfare history
- Policy analysis
- Theories of teaching and learning

Students also complete two electives and 15 credits of dissertation research.

A sequence of required courses is illustrated below. The sequence will vary depending on your year of enrollment. Students complete 20 credits in their first year and 18 credits during the second year, including 6 credits of electives. Students will also take one course in the Fall semester of their third year.

Following completion of coursework and defense of the dissertation proposal, students must complete a minimum of 15 credits of dissertation research as they engage in their independent dissertation research.

[View course descriptions in the Graduate Course Catalog.](#)

Year One

Fall

- SSW 6410: Research I: Research Design and Knowledge Generation – 3 credits
- SSW 6412: Research III: Multivariate Statistics I – 4 credits
- SSW 6425: Social Welfare Policy Seminar - 3 credits
- Professional Seminar

Spring

- SSW 6413: Research IV: Multivariate Statistics II – 4 credits
- SSW 6415: Topics in Advanced Social Work Research - 3 credits
- SSW 6445: Social and Behavioral Science: The Knowledge Base for Practice with Large Target Systems (Macro Practice) – 3 credits
- Professional Seminar

Year Two

Fall

- SSW 6411: Research II: Survey Research Methods – 3 credits
- SSW 6420: Critical Analysis of Historical and Philosophical Themes of the Profession – 3 credits
- Elective – 3 credits

Spring

- SSW 6414: Research V: Qualitative Research Methods – 3 credits
- SSW 6435: Social and Behavioral Science: The Knowledge Base for Micro Social Work Practice with Smaller Target Systems (Individuals, Families, Groups) – 3 credits
- Elective - 3 credits

Year Three

Fall

- SSW 6460: Teaching and Learning in Social Work Education: Roles and Contexts - 3 credits