SOCIAL WORK, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

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overview of school admissions & requirements: School of Social Work (http://catalog.illinois.edu/social-work)

The Ph.D. program is typically a 64 graduate hour program for students who enter with an MSW or other master’s degree. The program is interdisciplinary and has a strong research emphasis. The Ph.D. program is organized around five curricular components: (1) seminars in social welfare policy, social work practice theories, and teaching; (2) research methodology and statistics; (3) an interdisciplinary area of study; (4) a qualifying exam; and (5) the dissertation. While the curriculum focuses on issues of relevance to social work and social welfare policy, students select courses not just in the School of Social Work but also from the full range of graduate courses offered, for example: educational psychology, human and community development, sociology, labor and industrial relations, psychology and anthropology. Candidates prepare for teaching, research, policy analysis, and leadership in social services.

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Focus Area (2-3 courses outside of Social Work)  
12
3 courses in statistics and research methodology, 2-3 from outside of Social Work
SOCW 599           Dissertation Research       12

Total Hours 64

Other Requirements

- Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD: Yes
- Qualifying Exam Required: Yes
- Preliminary Exam Required: Yes
- Final Exam/Dissertation Defense Required: Yes
- Dissertation Deposit Required: Yes
- Minimum GPA: 3.0

For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s Graduate Handbook (http://socialwork.illinois.edu/academics/doctrinal-program-ph-d/degree-and-course-requirements) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).