

# SOCIAL WELFARE, PHD

## REQUIREMENTS

### MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum degree requirements (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#requirements>) and policies (<https://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policies>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

#### MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

#### Mode of Instruction Definitions

**Accelerated:** Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students typically take enough credits aimed at completing the program in a year or two.

**Evening/Weekend:** Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

**Face-to-Face:** Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW–Madison Campus.

**Hybrid:** These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

**Online:** These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

### CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

#### Requirement Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	51 credits
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	32 credits
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	43 credits must be graduate-level coursework. Refer to the Graduate School: Minimum Graduate Coursework (50%) Requirement policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1244/</a> ).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.00 GPA required. This program follows the Graduate School's policy: <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203</a> ( <a href="https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/">https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1203/</a> ).
Other Grade Requirements	Students must pass all courses with a grade of B or better. A student must retake any required course in which a lower grade than B is received, except for the statistics sequence

where a grade of BC or C may be offset by a grade of A or AB in another statistics course.

**Assessments and Examinations** Doctoral students are required to complete a comprehensive preliminary/oral examination after they have cleared their record of all Incomplete and Progress grades (other than research and thesis). Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.

**Language Requirements** n/a

**Graduate School Breadth Requirement** Students are not required to complete a doctoral minor or graduate/professional certificate.

### REQUIRED COURSES

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core</b>		
SOC WORK 675	Topics in Contemporary Social Welfare <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 708	The Field of Social Work <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 711	Human Behavior and the Environment <sup>1</sup>	2
SOC WORK 946	Faculty Research Seminar	1
SOC WORK 947	Student Research Seminar (taken twice for 1 credit each)	2
<b>Proseminar</b>		
SOC WORK 948	Proseminar (Quantitative Research Methods)	3
SOC WORK 949	Proseminar (Quantitative Research Methods)	3
SOC WORK 950	PhD Proseminar (Social Policy Seminar) <sup>2</sup>	3
SOC WORK 951	PhD Proseminar (Applied Theory Seminar) <sup>2</sup>	3
Students must complete one of the following for a second time:		3
SOC WORK 950 PhD Proseminar or SOC WORK 951 PhD Proseminar		
Students must complete one of the following courses at least once: <sup>3</sup>		3
SOC WORK 952 PhD Proseminar (Applied Data Analysis) or SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 Evaluation Research		
<b>Electives</b>		
<i>Social Science Theory</i> <sup>4</sup>		
Students must complete 3 credits of Social Science Theory elective. This course must not be a Social Work (SOC WORK) course and should be taken outside of the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work.		3
<i>Substantive</i> <sup>4</sup>		
Students must complete 6 credits of Substantive electives, including 3 credits outside of Social Work (SOC WORK) and taken outside of the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work.		6
<i>Statistics</i>		6–8

<i>Statistics/Methods</i> <sup>4</sup>	6
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**Research**

Students enroll in the following course while working on their dissertation and complete sufficient credits to satisfy the minimum credit requirement.	3
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SOC WORK 990 Thesis-Research	
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<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>51</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Students entering with a BSW and/or MSW degree earned within the last ten years may use prior coursework to satisfy requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Each course must be taken once.

<sup>3</sup> SOC WORK 952 OR SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 must be taken once (1). SOC WORK 952 AND SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 can both be taken once, in which case, either SOC WORK 952 or SOC WORK/ED PSYCH 945 can satisfy a statistics/methods course requirement. SOC WORK 952 may be taken twice, in which case it can satisfy a statistics/methods course requirement.

<sup>4</sup> With PhD Program Chair approval, students may register for an independent reading course (SOC WORK 999) with faculty to fulfill the social science theory (must be a faculty member outside of the Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work) or a substantive or statistics/methods elective requirement for a maximum of 6 credits. This requires developing a proposed learning plan, identifying a faculty member with expertise in the area of interest, and requesting supervision. All plans must be approved by the PhD Program Chair before enrolling.