PROGRAM OF STUDIES

Courses that make up the CSW doctoral program of studies are grouped into four types—core methods and theory courses, social work research methods courses, statistics courses, and cognates.

- Core methods and theory courses are required courses provided within the college. These courses are offered once per year. Please ensure you are coordinating with the doctoral program manager to determine course rotation.

- Students are required to take a minimum of three statistics courses. Two are required (SOW 6416 Introduction to Statistics in Applied Social Research and SOW 6418 Introduction to Linear Modeling for Applied Social Research) and the third can be SOW 6415 Advanced Applications of Quantitative Analysis in Social Sciences or selected from another college or department with the approval of the doctoral program director, or your educational advisor or major professor. See the "Statistics Courses" in the "Course Description" section for more information. Statistics courses must be graduate level (5000 or above).

- A cognate is a graduate course taken outside of the College of Social Work that is related to the student's research interests (e.g., mental health, research methodology). Students must complete three cognates. See the "Cognate" subsection in "Course Description" for more information. Cognates must be graduate level (5000 or above).

- Students are also required to take a two-semester applied research practicum and a one semester teaching seminar and practicum.

The following provides a guide to the typical program of studies at the college:

YEAR 1 – FALL SEMESTER

SOW 6490 Introduction to Scholarly Writing (3 credit hours)

SOW 6492 Foundation Research Methods (3 credit hours)

SOW 6416 Introduction to Statistics in Applied Social Research (3 credit hours)

YEAR 1 – SPRING SEMESTER

SOW 6418 Introduction to Linear Modeling for Applied Social Research (3 credit hours)

SOW 6755 Theories and Models for Social Work Research (3 credit hours)

SOW 6466 Secondary Data Analysis (3 credit hours)

SOW 6496 Qualitative Research Methods (3 credit hours)

YEAR 1 – SUMMER SEMESTER

SOW 6945 Practicum in Applied Research (3 credit hours)

Cognate (3 credit hours)

Cognate (3 credit hours)

YEAR 2 – FALL SEMESTER

SOW 6358 Measurement in Social Work Research (3 credit hours)

Cognate (3 credit hours)

SOW 6945 Practicum in Applied Research (3 credit hours)

SOW 6494 Advanced Research Methods (3 credit hours)

YEAR 2 – SPRING SEMESTER

SOW 6775 Professional Issues in Social Work (3 credit hours)

SOW 6499 Intervention Research in Social Work (3 credit hours)

SOW 6415 Advanced Applications of Quantitative Analysis/3rd Stats (3 credit hours)

SOW 6945 Practicum in Applied Research (3 credit hours), if necessary

YEAR 2 – SUMMER SEMESTER

SOW 6415 Advanced Applications of Quantitative Analysis/3rd Stats (3 credit hours)

SOW 6960r Preliminary Examination Preparation (variable credit hours; maximum 27 credit hours)

YEAR 3 – FALL SEMESTER

SOW 6930 Teaching Seminar & Practicum (3 credit hours)

SOW 6960r Preliminary Examination Preparation (variable credit hours)

SOW 8964r Preliminary Examination Defense – Written (0 credit hour), if applicable

SOW 8964r Preliminary Examination Defense – Oral (0 credit hour), if applicable

YEAR 3 – SPRING & SUMMER SEMESTER

SOW 6960r Preliminary Examination Preparation (variable credit hours), if necessary

SOW 8964r Preliminary Examination Defense – Written (0 credit hour), if applicable

SOW 8964r Preliminary Examination Defense – Oral (0 credit hour), if applicable

SOW 6980r Dissertation Preparation (includes Prospectus development & defense; must total 24 credit hours)

YEAR 4 – FALL, SPRING, & SUMMER SEMESTER

SOW6980r Dissertation Preparation (must total 24 credit hours)

SOW8985 Dissertation Defense (must occur at least six months after achieving candidacy)