

The following is a recommended course sequence for doctoral students. Students may take a course overload with permission of their advisor and the Associate Dean for Doctoral Education.



UNC
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

DOCTORAL PROGRAM STUDENT EDUCATIONAL PLAN

Name _____	Date of Admission _____	Expected Graduation _____
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Summary of Doctoral Program Requirements

SSW Doctoral Courses (completion of 45 credit hours prior to advancing to candidacy):

- *SOWO 900 Conceptualizing Social Problems to Inform Interventions (3 credit hours)
- *SOWO 910 Research Methods in Social Intervention (3 credit hours)
- *SOWO 911 Introduction to Social Statistics and Data Analysis (3 credit hours)
- *SOWO 913 Integrative Research Methods in Social Intervention (3 credit hours)
- *SOWO 914 Measurement in Social Intervention Research (3 credit hours)
- SOWO 916 Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) (3 credit hours)
- SOWO 917 Longitudinal and Multilevel Data Analysis (3 credit hours)
- *SOWO 918 Applied Regression Analysis and Generalized Linear Models (3 credit hours)
- SOWO 919 Analyzing and Addressing Inequality
- *SOWO 919 Professional Development Seminar, Section I
- *SOWO 919 Professional Development Seminar, Section II
- *SOWO 921 Qualitative Research Methods (3 credit hours)
- *SOWO 923 Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis (3 credit hours)
- *SOWO 940 Development of Social Intervention Models (3 credit hours)
- *SOWO 941 Teaching Seminar/ Practicum (3 credit hours)

In addition, students must complete a substantive course from outside the School of Social.

Further, it is recommended that students consider taking one or more advanced methods courses after completing SOWO 918 (i.e., SOWO 916, 917, 922, or courses outside the School of Social Work).

**Required courses*

Additional Guidelines:

- Once students have completed all required course work, they may enroll in SOWO 994 for 3 dissertation credits.
- Students must have completed all course work (including incompletes) before they will be allowed to take their substantive comprehensive exam.
- Students are required to complete their comprehensive examination and the related oral defense in the semester following completion of coursework. Students who do not meet this deadline will receive an "L" for SOWO 994.

1st Year / Fall Semester

Course	Credit	Completed	Transfer/Exempt*	Notes
SOWO 900 Conceptualizing Social Problems – <i>required</i>	3			
SOWO 910 Research Methods in Social Interventions – <i>required</i>	3			
SOWO 911 Social Statistics/Data Analysis – <i>required</i>	3			
SOWO 919 Professional Development Seminar - <i>required</i>	1.5			

1st Year / Spring Semester

Course	Credit	Completed	Transfer/Exempt*	Notes
SOWO 918 Applied Regression Analysis – <i>required</i>	3			
SOWO 921 Qualitative Methods – <i>required</i>	3			
SOWO 923 Systematic Reviews and Meta-analysis – <i>required</i>	3			
SOWO 919 Professional Development Seminar - <i>required</i>	1.5			

By the end of the semester, complete the First Year Review (attended by the student's advisor, research supervisor, course instructors, and the Associate Dean).

2nd Year / Fall Semester

Course	Credit	Completed	Transfer/Exempt*	Notes
SOWO 914 Measurement in Social Intervention Research – <i>required</i>	3			
Advanced stats course (e.g., SOWO 917/HLM) or substantive course (i.e. Inequality)	3			
Elective in substantive area	3			

2nd Year / Spring Semester

At the beginning of the semester, submit the signed Research Practicum Proposal.

Course	Credit	Completed	Transfer/Exempt*	Notes
Elective or Independent Study	3			
Advanced stats course (e.g., SOWO 916/SEM) or substantive course (i.e. Inequality)	3			
SOWO 940 Development of Social Intervention Models – <i>required</i>	3			

By the end of the semester, make arrangements for the Teaching Practicum, begin to identify dissertation committee members, and complete the Second Year Review (attended by the student's advisor, research supervisor, one or two members of the doctoral committee, and the Associate Dean).

3rd Year / Fall Semester

At the beginning of the semester, complete the Comprehensive Methods Exam.

Course	Credit	Completed	Transfer/Exempt*	
941 Teaching Practicum – required	3			
Advanced stats course, or substantive course	3			
913 Dissertation Seminar– required	3			

With permission, students may take SOWO 941 (Teaching Practicum) earlier than the fifth semester.

By the end of the semester, be prepared to take the Comprehensive Substantive Exam and complete the dissertation proposal.

3rd Year / Spring Semester

Course	Credit	Completed
994 Dissertation Credits	3	
(Substantive Exam, Dissertation Proposal, and Oral Defense)		

By the end of the semester, complete the Comprehensive Substantive Exam and oral defense, and possibly present the dissertation proposal.

Subsequent Semesters

Course	Credit	Semester/Year Completed
994 Dissertation Credits	3	

The Graduate School requires that students be enrolled in the semesters in which they take their comprehensive examination and defend their dissertation, and have taken at least 6 credit hours of SOWO 994, capped at 3 hours per semester.

Plan of Study Reviewed and Approved _____

FACULTY ADVISOR

DATE

ASSOCIATE DEAN, DOCTORAL PROGRAM

DATE

***Courses transferred into the program, independent study, and course exemptions or exceptions must be approved by the Associate Dean for Doctoral Education. List replacement courses for exempted courses.**