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Additional credits may be required by the student’s academic committee, depending on the subject matter of the dissertation.

Summary of Ph.D. Requirements:

- Social Work Research Coursework, 15 hrs.
- Substantive Social Work Courses, 16 hrs.
- Master’s Coursework (Maximum), 12 hrs.
- Minor Coursework (Minimum), 12 hrs.
- TotalCoursework Hours, 55 hrs.
- Dissertation (Minimum), 24 hrs.
- Statistics (Depends on option) at least, 6 hrs.

This is an elaboration of the required program of study. Students may take more courses.

Research (15 hrs.):

- SW 620 (Social Work Research I) 3 hrs. Fall
- SW 621 (Social Work Research II) 3 hrs. Spring

Two (2) of the following (at least 6 hrs.):

- SW 622 (Instrumentation & Measurement) – 3 hrs. Fall
- SW 623 (Seminar in Qualitative Research) – 3 hrs. Spring, Even # Years
- SW 625 (Research Seminar in Social Welfare History) 3 hrs. Spring, Odd # Years
- SW 629 (Special Topics in Social Work Research) 3 hrs. Variable

Substantive Social Work (14 hrs.) All students take SW 600, SW 601, SW 605, SW 640, SW 648. Normally, SW 648 will be repeated each semester with a new topic.

- SW 600 (Social Work and the Welfare State) 3 hrs.
- SW 601 (Seminar in Doctoral Education) 1 hr. Fall
- SW 602 (Career Development in Social Work Education) 1 hr. Spring
- SW 640 (Conceptualizations of Social Work Practice) 3 hrs.
- SW 648 (Special Topics – Selected Professional Issues), or 3 hrs.
- SW 660 (Independent Study) May not be taken more than once without permission from the PhD Program Chair. 3 hrs.

Minor (12 or more hrs.)

- Statistical Proficiency: There are four (4) approved sequences. 6-9 hrs.
  - Community Health Sciences (6 hrs.)
  - Political Science (6 hrs.)
- Educational Research (9 hrs.) at The University of Alabama
- Educational Research (6 hrs.) in the School of Public Health at at The University of Alabama at Birmingham

Students are advised to consult with the PhD Office concerning plans for statistics.