PhD PROGRAM IN SOCIAL WORK

SAMPLE COURSE PLAN: FULL TIME STUDENT (12 credits per term)*

**Year 1—Fall Term**
Theory Development  
Conceptual Foundations  
Quantitative Research Methods  
Adv. Statistical Methods I

**Year 1—Spring Term**
Social Policy Analysis OR  
Current Perspectives in Clinical Theory  
Adv. Statistical Methods II  
Qualitative Research Methods  
Professional Development Seminar  
Elective

**Year 2—Fall Term**
Measurement

**Year 2—Spring Term**
Electives

Bibliography Development/Proposal Seminar  
Intervention Research  
Electives  
[Research Internship – timing varies – may be completed in summer or post-QE]

*Full Time Status may vary from 9 to 15 credits.

**NOTES:** Electives may be taken in the summer session.  
Students are required to enroll in either Social Policy Analysis or Current Perspectives. However, they may (and are encouraged) to take the other course as an elective.

The Research Internship may be completed during summer sessions, or in the spring prior to taking the QE. However, the Research Internship does not count as course credit (it counts toward dissertation research credits).

Students may choose to enroll in the Dissertation Seminar in the fall and spring of Year 4 (in addition to Year 3 enrollment).
Year 3-Fall Term

Dissertation Seminar
Dissertation Research
Research Internship

TAP: teaching certification

Year 3-Spring Term

Dissertation Seminar
Dissertation Research

DEFEND Dissertation Proposal

Year 4-Fall Term

Dissertation Research
Advanced Dissertation Seminar

Year 4-Fall Term

Dissertation Research
Advanced Dissertation Seminar

DEFEND Dissertation

NOTE:

It is expected that all full-time students will take the QUALIFYING EXAMS by the beginning of their 3rd year.

All full-time students are expected to defend their DISSERTATION PROPOSAL by the end of the spring term of their 3rd year.

Any exceptions to this schedule must be approved and signed by the Program Director on the SCHEDULE CHANGE form. Only emergency situations will be considered for a change in time table for the QE.