

PH.D. IN SOCIAL WORK

This program is not currently accepting applications.

The PhD program cultivates scholar-activists and transformative leaders who advance social work theory, policy, and practice through community-engaged, anti-oppressive research and innovative pedagogy in pursuit of social, environmental, and economic justice.

Learn (<https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/ssw/programs-and-degrees/ph-d-in-social-work/>) more about the Ph.D. in Social Work on the School of Social Work website. (<https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/ssw/programs-and-degrees/ph-d-in-social-work/>)

Students interested in graduate work should refer to the Graduate and Professional Bulletin.

Learning Objectives

Students will:

1. Design and conduct community-engaged, anti-oppressive research that addresses critical social, environmental, and economic justice issues through innovative methodological approaches and ethical scholarship practices.
2. Develop and apply transformative pedagogical approaches for professional social work education that integrate principles of social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion while fostering critical thinking and liberatory learning environments.
3. Demonstrate ethical leadership and scholar-activist practice by engaging in policy analysis, advocacy, and community partnerships that promote systemic change and advance human rights.
4. Cultivate collaborative partnerships with communities and stakeholders to ensure research and educational initiatives are culturally grounded and responsive to community needs and assets.
5. Communicate research findings and scholarly knowledge effectively to diverse academic, professional, policy, and community audiences through culturally responsive, accessible, and inclusive approaches.

Requirements Effective Fall 2023

Code	Title	Credits
Research Methods		
Two Statistics Courses: ¹		6-8
Qualitative Methods Course ²		3
Social Work Content		
SOWK 701	Contemporary Issues in Social Work	3
SOWK 702	Social Welfare Policy	3
SOWK 703	Pedagogical Approaches in Social Work	3
SOWK 704	Theory for Applied Social Sciences	3
SOWK 705	Systematic Research for Scientific Inquiry	3
SOWK 706	Advanced Research Methods for Social Work	3
Electives		9
Selected with approval of committee. At least 3 credits must be graduate level research methods.		

SOWK 799	Dissertation ³	12
Master's Degree Credit		30
Program Total Credits:		78-80

A minimum of 78 credits are required to complete this program. 48 credits of post-master's work are required.

¹ Students can choose from the following, or seek approval for an equivalent: EDRM 606, EDRM 701, PSY 652, PSY 653, STAR 511, STAR 512.

² Students can choose from the following, or seek approval for an equivalent: EDRM 704, JTC 665, SOC 610.

³ 12 credits minimum

Requirements for All Graduate Degrees

For more information, please visit Requirements for All Graduate Degrees (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/graduate-study/procedures-requirements-all-degrees/>) in the Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<https://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

Summary of Procedures for the Master's and Doctoral Degrees

NOTE: Each semester the Graduate School publishes a schedule of deadlines. Deadlines are available on the Graduate School website (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/deadline-dates/>). Students should consult this schedule whenever they approach important steps in their careers.

Forms (<https://graduateschool.colostate.edu/forms/>) are available online.

Step	Due Date
1. Application for admission (online)	Six months before first registration
2. Diagnostic examination when required	Before first registration
3. Appointment of advisor	Before first registration
4. Selection of graduate committee	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
5. Filing of program of study (GS Form 6)	Before the time of fourth regular semester registration
6. Preliminary examination (Ph.D. and PD)	Two terms prior to final examination
7. Report of preliminary examination (GS Form 16) - (Ph.D. and PD)	Within two working days after results are known
8. Changes in committee (GS Form 9A)	When change is made
9. Application for Graduation (GS Form 25)	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
9a. Reapplication for Graduation (online)	Failure to graduate requires Reapplication for Graduation (online) for the next time term for which you are applying
10. Submit thesis or dissertation to committee	At least two weeks prior to the examination or at the discretion of the graduate committee

11. Final examination	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School Website
12. Report of final examination (GS Form 24)	Within two working days after results are known; refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
13. Submit a signed Thesis/Dissertation Submission Form (GS Form 30) to the Graduate School and Submit the Survey of Earned Doctorates (Ph.D. only) prior to submitting the electronic thesis/dissertation	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website.
14. Submit the thesis/dissertation electronically	Refer to published deadlines from the Graduate School website
15. Graduation	Ceremony information is available from the Graduate School website