

**Florida International University  
Ph.D. in Social Welfare  
School of Social Work  
Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work**

**Program of Study**

The program of study consists of 12 three-credit courses, seminars, and supervised study/research taken over three consecutive semesters, which total 36 credit hours. Following these courses and advancement to candidacy, a minimum of 24 credit hours of dissertation work must be completed. Table 1 includes the complete of study.

**Table 1. Schedule for Program of Study**

<b>Fall Semester</b>	<b>Cr.</b>
SOW 7216 Social Welfare Policy	3
SOW 7406 History & Systems of Social Work Research	3
SOW 7492 Theory Development & Research Methods in Social Welfare	3
PHC 6709 Quantitative Research Analysis I (or equivalent)	3
Total semester credits	<b>12</b>
<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Cr.</b>
SOW 7237 Micro-Practice Theory & Research	3
SOW 7238 Macro-Practice Theory & Research	3
PHC 6718 Quantitative Research Analysis II (or equivalent)	3
AAA xxxx Graduate Elective (or SOW 7916 Supervised Research)	3
Total semester credits	<b>12</b>
<b>Summer Semester</b>	<b>Cr.</b>
SOW 7936 Dissertation Seminar in Social Welfare	3
SOW 7493 Research Methods in Social Welfare II (or equivalent)	3
PHC 6500 – Foundations of Public Health Practice.*	3
SOW 7916 Supervised Research	3
Total semester credits	<b>12</b>
Total PhD Program course credits	<b>36</b>
<b>Semesters 4 and Continuing</b> (min 3 credits max 12 per semester)	
<i>If Doctoral Candidacy attained:</i>	
SOW 7980 Dissertation Credits (min 15 hours)	3
<i>If Doctoral Candidacy <u>Not</u> attained:</i>	
SOW 7916 Supervised Research or	3
SOW 6914 Independent Research	1
Total minimum PhD dissertation credits	<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>75</b>

\* Note: This course is not required of students who have already taken it as a part of their MSW program or for students who already have a graduate degree in public health.