

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**DODGE FAMILY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2025 through Spring 2026	Minimum Total Hours ..... 90	Social Work D840 (Online: D841) Doctor of Philosophy

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**Program Code: D840 (Online: D841)**

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
S WK 6003	Theories for Social Work	3
S WK 6013	Applied Quantitative Research Methods	3
S WK 6023	Applied Qualitative Research Methods	3
S WK 6011	Doctoral Professional Seminar I	1
S WK 6033	Social Work Andragogy and Methods	3
S WK 6053	Advanced Quantitative Data Analysis	3
S WK 6043	Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis	3
S WK 6021	Doctoral Professional Seminar II	1
S WK 6031	Doctoral Professional Seminar III	1
S WK 6041	Doctoral Professional Seminar IV	1
<b>Specialization Electives</b>		
Choose 12 hours of graduate level courses that fit the students specialization interests.		12
<b>Advanced Statistics or Methods Elective</b>		
Choose 6 hours of graduate level courses in Advanced Statistics or Methods		6
<b>Dissertation Research</b>		
S WK 6980	Research for Doctoral Dissertation	5
<b>Additional Coursework</b>		
A master's degree in social work (30-60 hours) is mandatory, and students may transfer up to 44 hours from their completed MSW or MSSW. Individuals transferring 30-44 hours will require 1-15 additional coursework hours to achieve 90 post-baccalaureate hours, subject to approval by the advisor and doctoral committee.		45
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>90</b>

The minimum hour requirement for a specific doctoral degree program cannot be waived.

No more than one-half of the credit hours, both OU and overall, excluding Research for Doctoral Dissertation (6980), may be *S/U*-graded coursework.

The student must be in residence at OU for at least two consecutive 16-week semesters during the pursuit of the doctoral degree while enrolled and engaged in coursework or research activities as prescribed by the major academic unit.

For more detailed regulations and requirements for Doctoral degrees, please consult the Graduate College Bulletin: <http://www.ou.edu/gradcollege/forms/bulletin>

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/dodge-arts-sciences/zarrow-social-work/social-work-doctor-philosophy/>).

## General Requirements for Doctoral Degrees

A student should expect to spend at least the equivalent of three full academic years beyond the bachelor's degree to obtain the doctoral degree. During this period the student will take appropriate graduate coursework, successfully complete the general examination, and successfully defend and submit the final dissertation.

All coursework applied to the doctoral degree must carry graduate credit.

The doctoral degree requires at least 90 post-baccalaureate hours, including both formal coursework and hours of research.