Social Welfare PhD Program Information Session

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Introductions

- Faculty
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Admissions

- Application due dates: 12/15 for fellowship consideration, 1/10 for general consideration
- Application materials
  - UCLA Graduate Online Application
  - ONE official copy of transcripts from each college or university attended in the US or abroad.
  - GPA Worksheet. This worksheet calculates Grade Point Average for the end of your undergraduate education and graduate school.
  - Official copy of GRE scores earned within the last five years.
  - TOEFL or IELTS scores, if your native language is not English
  - Three letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with your academic and scholarly work. At least one of the references must be from a professor who has taught you.
  - A two- or three-page typed personal statement describing:
    - Your reasons for pursuing doctoral education at UCLA Luskin at this time;
    - Specific academic and work experiences that have prepared you for doctoral education;
    - Your educational objectives while in the doctoral program; and
    - Your future professional objectives.
  - Curriculum vitae
  - Writing Sample. Evidence of ability to think creatively and to write clearly. Published articles, a master’s thesis, unpublished papers, or term papers may be submitted as evidence.
Number of Doctoral Students per Cohort

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- **Number of Current Students**
- **Average (6.25)**
Curriculum

- Tailored interdisciplinary program of study
  - Coursework
  - Personalized instruction
  - Applied research
- Substantive and methodological knowledge consonant with cutting-edge scholarship in an area of specialization
- Students publish in scholarly journals, present at national conferences, and submit extramural proposals to support their independent research
- Professional development seminars and workshops on a variety of topics
- It is possible to complete the program in four years, although some take a year longer.
Doctoral Curriculum

Overview of Doctoral Curriculum

BEGIN!

Quarter 1
Scholarship 229A (4)
Scientific Inquiry 249A (4)
Statistics (4)

Quarter 2
Scholarship 229B (2)
Scientific Inquiry 249B (4)
Statistics (4)
Outside Course (Statistics or Other) (4)

Quarter 3
Social Sci Theory I
Res Internship I 286C
Adv. Statistics or Adv. Res. Meth*
Prep for Exam (Indep. Study)

Quarter 4
Social Sci Theory I
Res Internship I 286C
Adv. Statistics or Adv. Res. Meth*

Quarter 5
Social Sci Theory II
Res Internship II 286C
Adv. Statistics or Adv. Res. Meth*

Quarter 6
Social Sci Theory III
Res Internship III 286C
Adv. Statistics or Adv. Res. Meth*

Quarter 7
Independent Study 596B

Quarter 8 & 9
Critical issues 258
Independent study 590B

Quarter 10-12
Diss Research 599

Other Requirements
Pass Oral Comp Exam
File Study Plan
File Res Internship Plan

Other Requirements
Submission deadline for written exam (Publishable paper)

Other Requirements
File Dissertation

FINISH!
Congrats!

Notes: numbered courses are those offered by SW Dept.
* Occasionally we offer SW286B courses (advanced research methods) that can fulfill this requirement
First Year Coursework

- The Craft of Social Work Scholarship (SW 229ABC)
- Scientific Inquiry (SW 249ABC)
- Statistics Courses (3 quarters)
  - Education
  - Public Health
  - Sociology
- Pass Oral Comprehensive Examination
- File Study Plan and Research Internship Plan
Second Year Coursework

- 3 Social and Behavioral Science Courses
- 3 Quarters of Research Internship (SW 286C)
- 3 Advanced Research Methods Courses
- Additional Courses
- Complete Mentored Research Internship
Other Program Requirements

- Coursework
  - Additional courses & Independent Study
  - Dissertation Seminar (SW 258) 2 quarters
  - Independent Research (599)
- Approved Written Comprehensive Examination
- Dissertation Committee Appointed
- Dissertation Proposal Developed
- Pass Oral Defense of Dissertation Proposal
- Defend Dissertation
Financial Aid

- Financial aid packages include full tuition plus stipends in the first two years.
- University fellowships and paid teaching and research assistantships in years three through five.
- Full-time students will be expected to enroll in twelve units of study each quarter.
- Our students are typically funded for at least the first four years of study.
Financial Aid

- Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship
- Luskin Graduate Fellowship Fund
- Olive M. Stone Scholarship Endowment
- Leon and Toby Gold Endowed Fellowship in Care of the Elderly
- James and Judy Bergman Endowed Fellowship
- Graduate Research Mentorship Programs
- Graduate Summer Mentorship Programs
- Dissertation-Year Fellowships
Alumni

Graduates go on to secure academic positions at top-tier research universities across the world:

- UC Berkeley
- Columbia University
- Brown University
- NYU
- Fudan University
- London School of Economics
- University of Washington
- USC

Job Seekers Program for students on the academic job market
Student Perspectives

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Thank You!

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