

Our Lady of the Lake University
Worden School of Social Service
PhD Course Sequence and Course Description- 2020-2021 Catalog
54 hours

SUMMER I

SOWK 9102 Seminar on Issues in Social Work Education and Research (New Course)

Restricted to doctoral students in social work. Exposure to the diversity of research topics and methods pursued by researchers and academicians in social work education and allied fields. Conference course. Offered on the credit/no credit basis only. Required every summer until proposal defense. Repeated 4 times for credit. Include onsite summer residency in San Antonio. Pass/fail. Course fee: \$550

Prerequisite: Admission to the PhD program and consent of the instructor or the graduate adviser.

FALL I

SOWK 9308 – Epistemology & Theories

Covers the conceptualization, development, and application of social work theories. Philosophical, theoretical, and empirical underpinnings of different social work practice theories will be studied with an emphasis on understanding and critically analyzing the philosophical assumptions and scientific basis of various theories. Students will become familiar with the historical context of different theories covered and research on their effectiveness within social work. Since social work has relied on other social science disciplines for much of its theoretical base, major theories will be covered from diverse disciplines.

SOWK 9400 – Culturally Informed Pedagogy

Covering factors important in teaching students using culturally informed pedagogy practices. Practices include the importance of communication of high expectations to minority students, teacher as facilitator, cultural sensitivity, culturally mediated instruction, reshaping the curriculum to be culturally informed, student-controlled classroom discourse, active teaching methods (including students in developing assignments) and positive perspectives on parents and families of culturally and linguistically diverse students. Includes guest teaching lecture requirements.

SPRING I

SOWK 9315 –

SPRING II

SOWK 9338 – Qualitative Research II

Designed to build upon Qualitative Research I. An experiential course where students apply qualitative methods with the primary focus of the course on developing a publishable quality manuscript using rigorous qualitative design and analysis.

SOWK 9342 – Grants and Proposals

This project-based course covers the complete process of grant proposal development: identification of achievable and fundable project, research and assessment of viable funding sources, funder relations, proposal writing, budget development, preparation of a full proposal package for submission, and post award or rejection follow-up with funders. Students gain an understanding of the academic research funding environment and became familiar with tools and resources available to assist them as they seek funds for their projects/ institutions. Students must have a specific project or fairly-well developed idea that they build upon as the basis for their coursework and final grant proposal.

SUMMER III

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FALL III

SOWK 9446 – Pedagogy of Distance Education

Applying what has been learned in Introduction to Pedagogy to the online environment covering curriculum development, working with instruction designers, implementation and evaluation, integrating technology across the curriculum, classroom environments and management, critical issues in distance education paradigms and developing community and student engagement.

Includes guest teaching lecture requirements.

FALL IV

SOWK 9572 –Dissertation I

and defending the dissertation proposal. Pass/fail.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of SOWK