Fordham University’s Ph.D. in Social Work program empowers you to be a leader of change in education, research and organizations. From our campus at Lincoln Center, the unparalleled diversity of the New York metropolitan area offers unique opportunities for you to collaborate with faculty in research, training, and educational projects while earning your PhD in Social Work.

Contact Gregory Lawrence Farmer, Director of the Ph.D. program at 212-636-7081 or farmer@fordham.edu.

Admissions

Admission/Application Process

Are you prepared to be a leader of change in social work education and research? Apply for the PhD in Social Work program at Fordham University. We encourage applications from individuals committed to a tradition of learning, service and social justice.

Prerequisites

Applicants must have:

• A master's degree in social work or related field.
• Cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better.
• Graduate GPA of 3.5 or better.

Deadlines

Students are admitted in the fall semester only. All application materials are due February 1.

Required Application Materials

Every application must include the following 9 elements.

1. Completed application form.
2. Statement of Career Activities and Plans. This brief essay should indicate why you are pursuing a PhD, explain your experience and scholarly interests, and state how the PhD curriculum will help you achieve your career goals.
3. Undergraduate and graduate transcripts. Official transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools you attended are required.
4. Two professional (employment) references.
5. Two academic references.

If you do not have two academic references, you may substitute a third professional reference for one academic reference.

1. Complete Resume or CV.
2. Publications, written reports and presentations. Please submit copies of your written work that demonstrates your capacity for doctoral study.
3. GRE scores: Verbal Ability, Quantitative Ability and Analytic Writing scores are required.
   • The school code for the Graduate School of Social Service is 2252.
   • The PhD department code is 5001.
   • Further information on the GRE exam can be found at the GRE website.
4. Application fee. $75, payable by credit card on the online application page. If you must pay by check, please send a check payable to Fordham University to the address below.

We encourage you to submit all materials via our online application. If you must send some items by mail, such as published work or a check, please send them to:
Fordham University
Graduate School of Social Service
Office of Admission
113 West 60th Street, Suite 608
New York, NY 10023

Questions?

Our Office of Admissions is available to answer your questions and concerns throughout the application process. Please email us at gssadmission@fordham.edu or call 212-636-6600

Requirements

The Ph.D. in Social Work program consists of 48 credits of coursework and a dissertation.

• Full-time students can complete all coursework in two academic years.
• Part-time students complete their courses in three to four academic years.

Plan of Study

Curriculum for students beginning as of Fall 2018 (New curriculum)

Ph.D. Full Time Plan of Study
Ph.D. Part Time Plan of Study

Curriculum for students beginning prior to Fall 2018 (Legacy curriculum)

Ph.D. Full time Plan of Study - Social Work Practice Concentration
Ph.D. Part time Plan of Study - Social Policy Concentration

Resources

1. Academic Calendar
2. Ph.D. Student manual for AY 16-17
3. Ph.D. Student manual for AY 18-19
4. Fellowships

Rogler Doctoral Fellowship

This two-year, predissertation social work fellowship is available for students in need of scholarships who plan to examine Latino/Hispanic-related topics in their dissertation. Up to two Rogler Doctoral Fellowships will be available during the each academic year. The fellowship provides a stipend to support student’s progress in the program.