

PH.D. IN SOCIAL WORK

Program Governance

The doctoral program is headed by a program director appointed by the dean. As in all University programs, the dean reports to the appropriate officer of Fordham University, the provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

Doctoral Curriculum and Policy Committee

The Doctoral Curriculum and Policy Committee is composed of the director of the doctoral program, five faculty members eligible to teach in the doctoral program, and a student member, who is elected by doctoral students. The committee meets periodically each semester to develop and monitor curriculum, as well as to formulate and review policies and procedures.

Doctoral Review Committee on Academic Progress

Faculty members of the Doctoral Curriculum and Policy Committee serve as a doctoral review committee on academic progress. A student is considered at risk if the student has one grade of C+ or lower. If a particular student is at risk, the faculty adviser is asked to discuss the issue with the student and develop an appropriate educational plan. If a student has more than one grade of C+ or lower, the student will not be permitted to continue in the program. The student can appeal this decision with the Doctoral Review Committee on Academic Progress.

A grade of F is equivalent to not having taken the course, and the course must be taken again in order to receive credit.

If a student obtains a C+ or lower in a course that has been retaken, this will be considered the second grade of C+ or lower in the program and the student will be dematriculated from the doctoral program.

Admissions Committee

The Doctoral Admissions Committee meets regularly throughout the academic year to review applications of incoming students. This committee is chaired by the director of the doctoral program; it includes up to four other faculty members, at least two of whom teach in the doctoral program.