School of Social Work PhD Program
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<th>Full-Time Tuition/year</th>
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<td><strong>Domestic</strong></td>
<td>Approx. $5,100</td>
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<td><strong>International</strong></td>
<td>Approx. $18,900</td>
<td>Approx. $8,400 (level 1-2) &amp; Approx. $7,800 (level 3-5)</td>
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Over the past 10 years since the School of Social Work’s PhD program began, we have had 14 PhD grads. 10 are teaching in Universities in tenure track positions, 1 is teaching in the College system, 1 is working with the Government as the Senior Project Officer, and 2 Recent Graduates.
Overview of the PhD Program

The PhD Program is comprised of:

- Coursework
- Comprehensive Exam
- Dissertation
1. Complete Course Work
2. Find Supervisor/Supervisory Committee
3. Comprehensive Exam
4. Research Proposal & Ethics Review
5. Dissertation Research & Writing
6. Dissertation Defense
## Program Schedule

### Year One

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<th>Coursework</th>
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| Fall - Term 1 | 7010 Epistemology  
               | 7020 Research Methodology                       |
| Winter - Term 2 | 7000 Social Justice  
                 | 7030 Data Analysis                              |
| Summer - Term 3 | 1 or 2 Elective(s)                              |
# Year Two

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<th>Coursework</th>
<th>Comprehensive Exam</th>
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<td>Fall - Term 4</td>
<td>1 or 2 Elective(s) 7040 Doctoral Seminar</td>
<td>Establish Comprehensive Paper Committee (supervisor and second reader) and start working on Comprehensive Paper Outline</td>
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<td>Winter - Term 5</td>
<td>7040 Doctoral Seminar (Cont’d)</td>
<td>The supervisor and the second reader meet with the student to provide feedback on their Comprehensive Paper Outline before April 30</td>
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<td>Summer - Term 6</td>
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<td>- Comprehensive Paper Writing (a max of 4 months)</td>
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# Years Three - Five

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<th>Dissertation</th>
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<td>YR 3 Fall - Term 7</td>
<td>Passing of Comprehensive Exam no later than Dec 10</td>
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<td>Winter - Term 8</td>
<td>Establishment of Dissertation Supervisory Committee; Dissertation Proposal</td>
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<td>YR 3 - Summer - Term 9 - YR 4 Summer Term 12</td>
<td>Research and Writing</td>
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<td>YR 5 – Fall – Term 13</td>
<td>Potential February Convocation</td>
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<td>YR 5 – Winter – Term 14</td>
<td>Potential June Convocation</td>
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Comprehensive Exam

• The Comp Exam critically assesses theory, existing knowledge and research on a selected issue, policy, or problem in the social work field
• The Comprehensive Exam forms the topical and theoretical background of the research question to be addressed in the dissertation
Comprehensive Exam Process

Students will need to complete both

- Comprehensive paper outline (2-3 pages)
- Comprehensive paper (approx. 50 pages)
The Dissertation Supervisory Committee is generally comprised of three faculty members. Two members need to be from the School of Social Work and one member is external to the School.

One of the members from the School of Social Work will be the student’s chosen supervisor.

A dissertation supervisory committee created by the 3rd year in the Winter term.
Part of your funding is tied to a TAship either within the school or with an allied faculty.

You will be asked to grade, teach, facilitate tutorials, work with course director.

It is possible to decline a TAship, but most of the funding package is tied to a TAship.
Admissions
Requirements

- Minimum of a B+ average from an MSW or related discipline
- Extensive experience in the field and/or commitment to social justice and human rights.
- In exceptional cases, applicants who do not have a social work degree may be considered if they have a related degree. In such case, applicants must also demonstrate extensive experiences in social welfare, or community/social services.
- The Application process is currently open and will December 15th 2020.
Interested in Applying?

Please submit the following:

• Provide a Statement of Interest: (please limit your statement to 5 pages double-spaced) In your statement of interest:
  • Please explain your proposed area of research, the questions you are interested in exploring, and the theoretical framework(s) you anticipate using.
  • Please explain why you believe this topic is important to social work and/or social justice
  • Please explain why you consider York University's School of Social Work to be a good choice for you given your research interests.
  • Please describe any life, community, professional, and/or academic experiences which relate to your proposed research.
Please submit the following:

- Provide a sample of professional or academic writing (e.g., published or unpublished scholarly paper, conference presentation, or professional report).
- Provide a supplementary information form, which you can upload on MyFile (the form can be found on the website).
- Provide three letters of reference, of which at least one should be an academic reference that addresses the candidate’s potential for doctoral level research.
- Applicants will need to submit a non-refundable application fee of approximately $130.
The Application Process opens in October and the application deadline is December 15th 2021

To Apply go to: http://socialwork.gradstudies.yorku.ca/msw/msw-how-to-apply/

For Further Inquiries Please Email: gradsowk@yorku.ca