Social Work Ph.D. Program Registration Policies

Certification for full time status:
All students who need to be certified for full time student status must be registered for at least 9 credits.

Registration requirements in order to receive graduate assistantship (GA) funding:
Students who are awarded a graduate assistantship (GA) – including a research graduate assistantship (GRA), a graduate teaching fellowship (GTF), or a combination of both – for at least 10 hours per week are automatically registered by the program for 7 non-billable credits of ABGA per semester.

Students in the first 36 credits of the program must take at least 6 credits of coursework in addition to the GA in order to retain a GA.

Students in the pre-candidacy phase (at least 36 credits of coursework completed, but not yet admitted to candidacy) need to be registered for at least 2 credits in addition to the GA to retain a GA.

Students in the candidacy phase need to be registered for at least 2 credits of SOWK 899 in addition to the GA to retain a GA.

Students at any point in the program who are NOT funded through a GA will need to be registered for at least 9 credits to be certified as full time under the graduate school policy.

SOWK 898 credits:
While SOWK 898 credits may be taken at any point during the pre-candidacy phase and count toward the registration requirements described above, these credits shall NOT count toward the 39 credits of coursework required for the degree nor shall they count toward the 12 credits of SOWK 899 required for graduation.