

PhD IN SOCIAL WORK

Main Language of Instruction:

French ☒ English ☐ Arabic ☐

Campus where the program is offered: CSH

OBJECTIVES

Scholars capable of advancing knowledge in social work and ensuring higher education teaching that aligns with the complexity and new challenges of contemporary social realities.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission prerequisites: Master's degree.

Field(s): social animation, special education, social studies, family, intercultural mediation, community health, humanities, social work, social service, social interventions and family dynamics, socio-educational counseling, community development and action, socio-cultural engineering, society, women's studies.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

180 Credits: Required Courses (174 Credits), Institution's Elective Courses (6 Credits).

Required courses (174 Cr.)

PhD Dissertation (12 Cr.). PhD Dissertation (15 Cr.). PhD Dissertation (15 Cr.). PhD Dissertation (15 Cr.). PhD Dissertation (27 Cr.). PhD Dissertation (30 Cr.). Seminar on Advanced Qualitative Research Applied to Social Work (3 Cr.). Seminar on Advanced Quantitative Research Applied to Social Work (3 Cr.). Dissertation Project: Development of the Analytical Framework (9 Cr.). Dissertation Project: Development of the Research Methodology (15 Cr.). Dissertation Project: Development of the Research Problem (15 Cr.). Dissertation Project: Finalization and Defense (15 Cr.).

Institution's Elective Courses (6 Cr.)

Choice of one of the languages: Doctoral Seminars (Arabic Language) (3 Cr.). Doctoral Seminars (English Language) (3 Cr.). Doctoral Seminars (French Language) (3 Cr.). Other Activities (3 Cr.).

SUGGESTED STUDY PLAN

Semester 1

Code	Course Name	Credits
015PRTD1	Dissertation Project: Development of the Research Problem	15
015PTCAD1	Dissertation Project: Development of the Analytical Framework	9
015ST1AD1	Seminar on Advanced Qualitative Research Applied to Social Work	3
015SRQTD1	Seminar on Advanced Quantitative Research Applied to Social Work	3
	Total	30

Semester 2

Code	Course Name	Credits
015PTH3D2	Dissertation Project: Development of the Research Methodology	15
015PTFSD2	Dissertation Project: Finalization and Defense	15
	Total	30

Semester 3

Code	Course Name	Credits
015TDI1D3	PhD Dissertation	15
015TDI2D3	PhD Dissertation	15
	Total	30

Semester 4

Code	Course Name	Credits
015TDI3D4	PhD Dissertation	15
015TDI4D4	PhD Dissertation	12
089DOCAD2 or 089DOCGD2 or 089DOCFD2	Doctoral Seminars (Arabic Language) or Doctoral Seminars (English Language) or Doctoral Seminars (French Language)	3
	Total	30

Semester 5

Code	Course Name	Credits
015TDS5D5	PhD Dissertation	27
089ACT3D1	Other Activities	3
	Total	30

Semester 6

Code	Course Name	Credits
015TDS6D6	PhD Dissertation	30
	Total	30

COURSE DESCRIPTION

015TDI1D3	PhD Dissertation	15 Cr.
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First phase of the PhD dissertation writing.

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Second phase of the PhD dissertation writing.

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Third phase of the PhD dissertation writing.

015TDI1D3	PhD Dissertation	15 Cr.
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Fourth phase of the PhD dissertation writing.

015TDI1D3	PhD Dissertation	15 Cr.
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Fifth phase of the PhD dissertation writing.

015TDI1D3	PhD Dissertation	15 Cr.
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Finalization and dissertation defense.

089DOCAD2	Doctoral Seminars (Arabic Language)	3 Cr.
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- 1- Learning to speak before an audience of researchers
- 2- Opening up to other disciplines
- 3- Exchanges between PhD candidates

089DOCGD2	Doctoral Seminars (English Language)	3 Cr.
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- 1- Learning to speak before an audience of researchers
- 2- Opening up to other disciplines
- 3- Exchanges between PhD candidates

089DOCFD2	Doctoral Seminars (French Language)	3 Cr.
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- 1- Learning to speak before an audience of researchers
- 2- Opening up to other disciplines
- 3- Exchanges between PhD candidates

089ACT3D1	Other Activities	3 Cr.
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Activities and seminars approved by the Doctoral School.

015ST1AD1	Seminar on Advanced Qualitative Research Applied to Social Work	3 Cr.
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This seminar is designed for PhD candidates in social work. It explores the epistemological and methodological foundations specific to qualitative research. It aims to enhance candidates' practical skills in designing and conducting scientific studies within this research framework. To achieve this, theoretical concepts are complemented by practical applications focusing on current issues in the Lebanese context such as Syrian migration and forced displacement, diversity and interculturality, human rights and citizenship, protection of children's and women's rights, etc.

015SRQTD1	Seminar on Advanced Quantitative Research Applied to Social Work	3 Cr.
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Understand the epistemology of quantitative research. Deepen the fundamental concepts of quantitative research. Acquire advanced skills in quantitative methods. Get acquainted with mixed methods. Apply the principles of quantitative research methodology to the dissertation project.

015PRTHD1	Dissertation Project: Development of the Research Problem	15 Cr.
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The dissertation proposal must include the following sections: title, definition of the subject, research problem and working hypotheses, research question, literature review, chosen methodology, provisional dissertation outlines and proposed work schedule. The expected length is between 30 and 35 pages.

The candidate develops their project under the guidance of their dissertation supervisor.

This proposal is subject to a defense before a jury. A passing grade (14-15/20) is the minimum requirement for admission to the dissertation phase. In case of failure, the candidate is allowed to reattempt during the academic year, but cannot afford a second failure.

This stage of the process involves developing the research problem, which should be validated by the dissertation supervisor.


015PTCAD1	Dissertation Project: Development of the Analytical Framework	9 Cr.
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This part of the dissertation project allows PhD candidates to develop their analytical framework based on their research problem. In addition to their individual work with their dissertation supervisors, candidates are invited to participate in a seminar for collaborative work and collective reflection.

015PTH3D2	Dissertation Project: Development of the Research Methodology	15 Cr.
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The dissertation proposal is a document of approximately fifty pages, comprising the development of the research problem, the theoretical and/or conceptual framework, and the justification of the methodology in terms of its nature, epistemological positioning, and recommended research approach targeting a clearly identified population.

This initial phase of work is accompanied by a collective seminar introducing the dissertation project. It is validated



through dual assessment by both the dissertation supervisor and the seminar coordinator. Continuation of enrollment in the second semester of the PhD program depends on this assessment. A grade of 'Fair' or C (12-13/20) is required to proceed to Dissertation Project II.

015PTFSD2	Dissertation Project: Finalization and Defense	15 Cr.
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This is the final part of the dissertation project where the PhD candidate defends their project before a jury. Upon a successful defense, submission of the project to the Ethics Committee is required before proceeding to the data collection phase. Group sessions enable PhD candidates to make progress on their projects and to be introduced to the requirements and procedures for writing and publishing a scientific article in line with the requirements of the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education.