**Bryn Mawr College**

**Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research**
The Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

**Course of Study:**
- **Master of Social Service (M.S.S.)** degree consists of 18 course units including 4 units of field education. The M.S.S. degree is equivalent in every way to the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree.
- **Master of Law and Social Policy (M.L.S.P.)** degree consists of 7 course units plus a field based special project. Students must either hold a Master’s degree in social work or a related field or be enrolled concurrently in the M.S.S. degree program. [Prior to Fall 2004 the M.L.S.P. consisted of 8 course units including one unit of field education.]
- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)** degree consists of a minimum of 12 course units beyond the Master’s degree, satisfactory performance on preliminary examinations within the student’s field of study, a dissertation, and a successful final examination of the dissertation. [Prior to Fall 2004 a minimum of 14 course units were required.]

**Academic Credit**
- Semester hour equivalent: One Masters unit = 4 semester hours
- One Ph.D. unit = 5 semester hours

**Undergraduate Grading System**
- **Passing grades**: 4.0 (A), 3.7 (A-), 3.3 (B+), 3.0 (B), 2.7 (B-), 2.3 (C+), 2.0 (C)
- **Merit grades** can be used to satisfy the major and curricular requirements.

**Course Classification & Numbering**
- **001-199**: First year courses, plus intermediate language courses
- **200-299**: Second year courses
- **300-399**: Advanced undergraduate courses
- **400-499**: M.L.S.P. courses
- **500-549**: M.S.S. Foundation, Concentration & 2yr fieldwork
- **550-674**: M.S.S. Electives
- **675-699**: Ph.D. Courses
- **700-799**: Graduate research work
- **750-799**: Graduate seminar courses

**Academic Year Calendar**
- The academic calendar consists of two semesters lasting 14 weeks long (excluding exam periods and vacations) and one condensed summer semester.
- **Length of periods**: Lecture hour = 50 minutes; Laboratory hour = 60 minutes

**Transfer Credits**
- Transfer credits applied toward the degree are listed on the transcript without grades or specific course information. Transfer work must be at least 2.0 to qualify for transfer credit.

**Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

**Academic Credit & Course Load**
- Study in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences is defined in terms of academic units. The full-time course load is 3 academic units of work per semester. One graduate unit = 5 semester hours. Graduate credit may be given for courses at the 200 and 300 level if the instructor certifies that the student did additional work of graduate caliber. Units taken for undergraduate credit are graded numerically.

**Course Classification & Numbering**
- **675-699**: Ph.D. Courses
- **550-674**: M.S.S. Electives
- **500-549**: M.S.S. Foundation, Concentration & 2yr fieldwork
- **400-499**: M.L.S.P. courses
- **300-399**: Advanced undergraduate courses
- **200-299**: Second year courses
- **001-199**: First year courses, plus intermediate language courses

**Graduate Grading System**
- **S** = Satisfactory: Equivalent to grade of B (3.0) or better
- **S-** = Marginally Satisfactory: Passing grade, equivalent to a grade of B- (2.7)
- **U** = Unsatisfactory

**CONSORTIAL SCHOOL CODES & OTHER GRADING SYMBOLS**

**CONSORTIAL SCHOOL CODES (IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE CATALOG NUMBER)**
- **A**: Institut d’Estudis Catalans d’Avignon
- **B**: Bryn Mawr College course
- **D**: Drexel University course
- **DE**: University of Delaware
- **E**: ACTR/ACCELS E. Europe Programs
- **F**: Italian Studies Institute in Florence
- **H**: Haverford College course
- **I**: Haverford College course
- **V**: Villanova University course
- **M**: Centro de Estudios Hispanicos en Madrid
- **N**: Hahnemann University course
- **P**: University of Pennsylvania course
- **PR**: Princeton University course
- **R**: ACTR/ACCELS programs
- **S**: Swarthmore College course
- **T**: Temple University course
- **V**: Villanova University course

**OTHER GRADING SYMBOLS (NOT INCLUDED IN THE CALCULATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGES)**
- **AUD** = Audit
- **CE** = Continuing Enrollment
- **CIP** = Course in Progress; final grade not assigned
- **CP** = Completed
- **CR** = Credit (1.0 and above)
- **INC** = Permanent Incomplete

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