

## Requirements to meet the FLO

### Political Social Work

Requirements and Description – Students may complete *any three* of the following *distinct* components *of their choice*, while enrolled at the GCSW:

**Field Education Component** – may include the Austin Legislative Internship Program, the Houston Policy Practice Placement Initiative, or a substantive opportunity to engage in influencing policy or systemic decision-making as part of any generalist, clinical, or macro field placement

**Research Component** – sustained participation via a research assistantship, independent study, or volunteer opportunity with a community or academic research project focused on dynamics of power, politics, and/or policy-making, e.g. power analyses, community or organizational decision-making, coalition-building, civic or political engagement, policy analysis, policy evaluation, advocacy, activism

**Community Engagement** – sustained participation as part of a real-world effort to advance systems-level change at an organizational, community, or governmental level, e.g., involvement in an advocacy effort by a social service or advocacy organization, involvement in agency voter registration efforts, campaign volunteering, providing testimony to a governmental body, publication of an op-ed or other policy-focused communication

**Co-Curricular Activities** – sustained participation in a GCSW co-curricular activity promoting awareness of political and power dynamics and strategies for advancing social, racial, economic, or political justice; e.g., GCSW's Policy Insider Series, GCSW's Voter Engagement and Political Justice Initiative, Amplify Your Voice, Social Work Day at the United Nations

**Training** – participation in at least one social work-associated training promoting awareness of political and power dynamics and strategies for advancing social, racial, economic, or political justice, e.g., continuing education courses offered by the GCSW, advocacy days or trainings through a state NASW chapter, social work-oriented political campaign trainings

**Coursework** – successful completion of Advanced Social Work Practice for Policy Change, an Independent Study focused on political social work, or an elective with an explicit focus on preparing students to develop and implement strategies to change unjust organizational, community, or societal policies and structures