

JURIS DOCTOR (JD)/SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

Admission Requirements and Course of Study

The JD/MSW program is offered in collaboration with the University of Connecticut School of Social Work.

Admission Requirements

All students who wish to pursue a dual degree program must first be granted separate admission into both programs. A dual degree enrollment form, approved by the Law School will also be required. Students in the dual degree program may obtain both degrees in four years, compared with five years, if both degrees were pursued separately. Study is generally begun at the School of Law, where during the first year, students will complete a minimum of twenty-nine (29) credits of required curriculum study. During the second year, students will complete a minimum of six (6) social work courses, their first year field placement and a minimum of two (2) law courses. Year three will consist of a minimum of three (3) social work courses, their second field placement, a law school clinical experience (which coordinated in combination with the School of Social Work, can apply toward the second year field placement requirement of 560 hours), and six (6) law school courses. During year four, students will take all remaining credits.

Course Load

Full-time students at the law school are ordinarily limited to sixteen (16) credits per semester. Students seeking to exceed this limit must obtain permission from the associate dean for academic affairs at the School of Law. Course work at the law school may in no case exceed seventeen (17) of the total credits in one semester. Full-time students in the School of Social Work are ordinarily limited to eighteen (18) credits per semester. Students seeking to exceed this limit must obtain permission from the director of the M.S.W. program.

Requirements

In addition to satisfaction of the requirements of both programs of study, dual degree candidates are required to complete these programs concurrently. The final award of transfer credit is contingent upon completion of both programs.

Transfer Agreement

The JD degree program requires completion of eight-six (86) credits. The M.S.W. degree program requires completion of sixty (60) credits. The School of Law will accept (12) credits for transfer. The School of Social Work will accept (9) elective credits of non-clinical work earned at the School of Law.

Course	Title	Credits
Law Courses Acceptable Toward the MSW degree		
LAW 7600	Administrative Law	
LAW 7885	Children and the Law	
LAW 7744	Clinic: Child Advocacy	
LAW 7901	Elder Law	
LAW 7655	Employment Discrimination Law	
LAW 7657	Family Law	

LAW 7865	Health Law
LAW 7792	Street Law in the High Schools

Social Work Courses Acceptable Toward the JD degree ¹

Any course which is not taken in satisfaction of the Basic Foundation Course requirement

¹ Course substitutions may be approved by the Director of the JD/MSW program at the School of Social Work.