

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
LAW & SOCIAL WORK
J.D./M.S.W.

The College of Law and the College of Social Work's joint degree program in Law and Social Work, J.D./M.S.W., permits completion of both degree programs concurrently. Applicants must apply for acceptance to both colleges according to the individual department's admission criteria.

For the joint degree program, both the GRE and LSAT must be taken in order to be considered. Applicants to the College of Social Work must have a bachelor's degree, an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better or a minimum combined score of 1000 on the verbal and quantitative portions of the GRE. At the College of Law, the average LSAT score and mean GPA for the Fall 2005 entering class was 159 and 3.4.

Once a student is accepted in to both colleges, they must then complete an application for the joint degree program, which is located at the College of Law's Office of Admissions and Records. This is normally done during the first year of law school. The first year of study is generally done at the College of Law.

The normal program sequence for a student in the Clinical concentration of social work is:

1st Year	30 hrs of Law Courses
2nd Year	Traditional* - 31 hrs of Social Work Courses Advanced** - 30 hrs of Social Work Courses
3rd & 4th Years	Traditional - 75 hrs Law & SW Courses Advanced - 55 hrs Law & SW Courses
Total Law Courses	Traditional - 82 hrs (6 cross-credits) Advanced - 82 hrs (6 cross-credits)
Total MSW Courses	Traditional - 54 hrs (6 cross-credits) Advanced - 33 hrs (6 cross-credits)
Total JD/MSW Courses	Traditional - 136 hrs Advanced - 115 hrs

* Traditional MSW: Student has Bachelor's degree in major other than Social Work.
 ** Advanced Standing: Student has Bachelor's degree in Social Work.

The normal program sequence for a student in the Social Policy & Administration concentration of social work is:

1st Year	30 hrs of Law Courses
2nd Year	Traditional* - 31 hrs of Social Work Courses Advanced** - 30 hrs of Social Work Courses
3rd & 4th Years	Traditional - 72 hrs Law & SW Courses Advanced - 51 hrs Law & SW Courses
Total Law Courses	Traditional - 79 hrs (6 cross-credits) Advanced - 79 hrs (9 cross-credits)
Total MSW Courses	Traditional - 54 hrs (6 cross-credits) Advanced - 32 hrs (9 cross-credits)
Total JD/MSW Courses	Traditional - 133 hrs Advanced - 109 hrs

The Juris Doctor Curriculum

The Juris Doctor curriculum consists of 36 credit hours of required courses. Thirty credits are taken during the student's first year in the program. The remaining credit hours of elective classes may be chosen from the large selection of courses offered by the College of Law.



The following are the 36 credit hours of required courses in the J.D. curriculum:

COURSE NAME	CREDITS
Civil Procedure	4
Contracts I	3
Contracts II	2
Criminal Law	4
Property I	2
Property II	3
Torts	4
Legal Writing & Research I	2
Legal Writing & Research II	3
Constitutional Law I	3
Constitutional Law II	3
Professional Responsibility	3
TOTAL	36

In addition, all J.D. students must complete an upper level writing requirement and 20 hours of pro bono legal work.

Social Work Curriculum

APPROVED LAW COURSES

The following law courses have been approved to count toward the MSW degree as electives:

COURSE NAME	CREDITS
Administrative Law	3
Alternative Dispute Resolution	3
Bioethics and the Law	3
Civil Rights Survey	3
Employment Discrimination	3
Employment Relations Law Survey	4
Family Law	3
Genetics, Ethics, Law and Policy	2-3
Health Law and Policy	3
Women and the Law	3

FIELD PLACEMENT & ADVANCED SEMINAR

The College of Social Work requires two internships for traditional students and one internship for advanced standing MSW students. Students in the

joint degree program would complete their final MSW internship in a Law/Social Work internship, such as the College of Law's Children's Advocacy Center, the Attorney General's Office or the like. Approved internship sites are coordinated through the Office of Field Education at the College of Social Work. There would need to be access to both an attorney and a MSW supervisor at the internship site. Students who choose the Children's Advocacy Center for their internship may not take the course for Law School credit. While in their final internship, students would attend an advanced seminar with some of the assignments tailored to integrate the two professions.

The major responsibility for planning and carrying out an integrated program of courses in both schools lies with the individual student assisted by the advisor for the program in each college. The joint degree program must be completed within 5 years, although most students complete the program in 4 years. For further information, contact both the College of Law and the College of Social Work.

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