

The College of Law and the College of Social Work joint graduate pathway in law and social work, J.D./M.S.W., permits the completion of both programs concurrently. Current law students must meet with and submit all documents for admission to the College of Law Graduate Pathway Coordinator before June 1st of their first year of law school. The College of Law Joint Graduate Pathway Coordinator will then submit their completed packet to the College of Law and the College of Social Work for approval. Any student who has completed M.S.W. coursework prior to matriculating to the College of Law, or who wishes to apply for the joint graduate pathway after beginning their second year of law school, must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law before applying for the joint graduate pathway.

Applicants to the M.S.W. program must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better. Applicants should contact the School of Social Work to obtain specific information on the necessary GRE requirement. The College of Social Work will waive the GRE requirement for current College of Law students.

#### **How To Apply**

- 1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a joint graduate pathway application and necessary documents for the College of Social Work.
- 2. Complete the documentation.
- 3. Do <u>not</u> send or have documents sent to the College of Social Work. All documents must be returned to the
- College of Law Office of Admissions before **June 1st** of the 1L year.
- Applicants will need to:
- 1. Provide a completed *JOINT GRADUATE PATHWAY*APPLICATION form.
- 2. Provide an updated legal resume.
- 3. Have a competitive GRE scores on file with the Florida State University. The College of Social Work will waive the GRE requirement for current College of Law Students.
- 4. Provide a PERSONAL STATEMENT as per College of Social
   Work guidelines at: http://csw.fsu.edu/academics/master-of-social-work/admissions-information.

#### **Traditional Master's Program**

**Clinical Social Work Concentration** 

1st Year 30 hours of Law 2nd Year 34 hours of Social Work 3rd & 4th Years 72 hours of Law/Social Work

Total Law Courses 82 hours
Total Social Work Courses 54 hours

Cross Credit Courses 7 hours of Law, 6 hours of Social Work

Total J.D./M.S.W. Courses 136 hours

### Advanced Standing Master's Program Clinical Social Work Concentration

1st Year 30 hours of Law 2nd Year 30 hours of Social Work 3rd & 4th Years 55 hours of Law/Social V

Total Law Courses
Total Social Work Courses
Cross Credit Courses

Total J.D./M.S.W. Courses

55 hours of Law/Social Work 82 hours 33 hours

7 hours of Law, 6 hours of Social Work

## Traditional Master's Program Social Work Leadership Concentration

1st Year 30 hours of Law
2nd Year 37 hours of Social Work
3rd & 4th Years 64 hours of Law/Social Work

Total Law Courses 79 hours
Total Social Work Courses 52 hours

Cross Credit Courses 7 hours of Law, 9 hours of Social Work

Total J.D./M.S.W. Courses 131 hours

# Advanced Standing Master's Program Social Work Leadership Concentration

1st Year 2nd Year 3rd & 4th Years Total Law Courses Total Social Work Courses Cross Credit Courses

79 hours

30 hours of Law

49 hours of Law

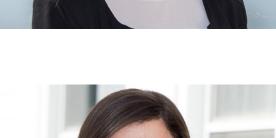
33 hours of Social Work

7 hours of Law, 9 hours of Social Work

Total J.D./M.S.W. Courses 112 hours

Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at www.law.fsu.edu.







The College of Social Work programs require two internships for the traditional programs and one internship for the advanced standing programs. Students in the joint graduate pathway would complete their final M.S.W. internship in a law and social work placement, such as the College of Law's Children's Advocacy Clinic or the

social work placement, such as the College of Law's Children's Advocacy Clinic or the Attorney General's Office. 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 M.S.W. supervisor at the internship site. Students who choose the
Children's Advocacy Clinic for their internship may not take the course for law school credit.

The required cross credit courses for individuals pursuing either Clinical option
 (Traditional or Advanced) are:

SOW 5125 Psychopathology in Clinical Practice (3 hours)

SOW 5432 Evaluation of Social Work Practice (3 hours) LAW 5700 Torts (From the J.D. curriculum) (4 hours)

LAW 7710 Family Law (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)

The required cross credit courses for individuals pursuing either Social Work Leadership option (Traditional or Advanced) are:

SOW 5238 Advanced Policy Analysis (3 hours)

SOW 5334 Organizational and Community System Change (3 hours)

SOW 5377 Personnel Administration in Social Services (3 hours)

LAW 5700 Torts (From the J.D. curriculum) (4 hours)

LAW 7710 Family Law (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)

Note on Cross Credit: Because a joint graduate pathway allows a student to complete each curriculum by taking fewer hours overall, each program will require that certain courses be taken from the other curriculum to cover the number of hours reduced from their respective curriculum. These courses are part of the respective program's curriculum and are not counted toward the credit requirement for the other curriculum. They may or may not be included in the normal core requirements of the respective program's curriculum.



The joint graduate pathway must be completed within seven years, although most students complete the program in four years.

For further information related to applying for this joint graduate pathway, please contact:

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Students in joint graduate pathways receive both degrees concurrently. Students may not be certified as a graduate without having completed the graduation requirements in both colleges. This includes the Law upper-level writing requirement, the skills training requirement, and the pro bono requirement.

#### **Residency Requirement**

Unless otherwise approved by both advisors and the College of Law Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, students enrolled in joint graduate pathways must earn a minimum of seven semesters of residence credit. Based on the College of Law formula for determining residency, one semester of residency credit is earned for every 12 credit hours of courses taken in the College of Law and the College of Social Work.

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