

Joint Graduate Pathway Law and Social Work



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 Joint Graduate Pathway Coordinator before May 1st following 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 College of Social Work to obtain specific information on the distinctive MSW Program application materials for admission consideration.

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 not 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 May 1st following the 1L year.

Applicants will need to:

1. Provide a completed JOINT GRADUATE PATHWAY APPLICATION form.
2. Provide an updated legal resume.
3. Provide a STATEMENT OF PURPOSE 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
Shared 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 Work
Total Law Courses	82 hours
Total Social Work Courses	33 hours
Shared Credit Courses	7 hours of Law, 6 hours of Social Work
Total J.D./M.S.W. Courses	115 hours

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
Shared 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	30 hours of Law
2nd Year	33 hours of Social Work
3rd & 4th Years	49 hours of Law
Total Law Courses	79 hours
Total Social Work Courses	33 hours
Shared Credit Courses	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.



Social Work Curriculum

- 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 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 M.S.W. internship may not take the course for law school credit.

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

- SOW 5125 Psychopathology in Clinical Practice (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (3 hours)
- SOW 5432 Evaluation of Social Work Practice (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (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 shared credit courses for individuals pursuing either Social Work Leadership option (Traditional or Advanced) are:

- SOW 5238 Advanced Policy Analysis (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (3 hours)
- SOW 5334 Organizational and Community System Change (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (3 hours)
- SOW 5377 Personnel Administration in Social Services (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (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 Shared 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.

Questions

- 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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Conferring of Degrees

Students in joint graduate pathways receive both degrees concurrently. Students may not be certified as a graduate without having completed the graduation requirements in the College of Law and the College of Social Work. 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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