

# SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W. & LAW, J.D. DUAL DEGREE

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Saint Louis University School of Law (<https://www.slu.edu/law>) and the College for Public Health and Social Justice (<https://www.slu.edu/public-health-social-justice>) offer a Juris Doctor./Master of Social Work dual degree. Students complete their first-year core curriculum courses in the School of Law.

Thereafter, students begin an integrated curriculum at both the School of Law and School of Social Work. Full-time students can complete the J.D./M.S.W. program in four years.

For additional information see the catalog entries for the following programs:

Law, J.D. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/law/juris-doctor>)

Social Work, M.S.W. (<http://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/public-health-social-justice/social-work/social-work-msw>)

## Accreditation

The Saint Louis University School of Law has been continuously accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA) since December 1924. The accrediting body is the Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar of the American Bar Association, 321 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654, 312-988-6738.

The baccalaureate social work program at Saint Louis University has been continuously accredited since 1974.

The master's social work program at Saint Louis University has been continuously accredited since 1930.

### Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

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## Admission

Students must meet the admission requirements and be admitted into both degree programs according to the processes of each of the participating academic units in order to pursue a dual degree program.

Individuals may apply to the M.S.W. degree program concurrently with application to law school or following admission to the School of Law; however, admission to the dual degree program is contingent upon admission to both the M.S.W. and the J.D. degree programs.

## Requirements

In place of nine credits of social work electives, dual degree J.D./M.S.W. students take nine credits of School of Law J.D. courses.

Students will have faculty mentors in both schools to assist them in course planning to meet each school's degree requirements. In the School of Social Work, in addition to a faculty mentor, students have a field education practicum liaison to assist them in field education planning.

B.S.S.W. students granted full advanced standing for the M.S.W. complete 27 credits of the 57 required with M.S.W. courses. The remaining nine credits of M.S.W. electives are fulfilled with law courses.

The School of Law allows nine credits of M.S.W. courses to fulfill elective requirements for the J.D. Students will need to speak directly with the School of Law regarding curriculum requirements for the J.D. and which M.S.W. courses fulfill their J.D. requirements.

The M.S.W. degree requirements for J.D./M.S.W. begin in the second year of law school and are taken throughout the rest of the matriculation over the next three years.

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

## Contact Us

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Apply for Admission (<http://www.slu.edu/admission>)

For additional admission questions please contact,  
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