SOCIAL WORK, M.S.W. & PASTORAL STUDIES, M.A. (AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY) DUAL DEGREE

The School of Social Work at Saint Louis University and Aquinas Institute of Theology offer a dual-degree program comprised of a Master of Social Work (https://catalog.slu.edu/colleges-schools/social-work/social-work-msw/) and Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, allowing students to complete both degrees in 85 credits instead of the 105 credits required to complete both degrees independently.

The program is designed to prepare students for professional social work and pastoral ministry through a dual track of coursework and fieldwork. The program provides the framework, skills and resources necessary for spiritually oriented social work practice and deepens a professional's commitment to social justice.

Social ministry settings for practica and for employment include ecumenical and denominational organizations.

Examples include:
- Interfaith coalitions
- Church councils
- Peace and justice organizations
- Parishes
- Diocesan, metropolitan, regional, synodal or national organizations

Applicants must fulfill all admission requirements for both schools, and acceptance into both programs is required for admission into the dual degree program.

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


Pastoral Studies, M.A.P.S. (Aquinas Institute of Theology) (https://www.ai.edu/MAPS-MSW/)

Accreditation

The baccalaureate social work program at Saint Louis University has been continuously accredited since 1974. The Master of Social Work program at Saint Louis University has been continuously accredited since 1930.

Admission

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

Individuals must apply to SLU’s M.S.W. degree program (https://slu-3524.app451.sites.451.io/) concurrently with the M.A.P.S. degree program at Aquinas Institute.

Requirements

In place of 12 credits of social work electives, dual degree M.A.P.S./M.S.W. students take 12 credits of M.A.P.S. courses.

More detailed program information can be found in the M.S.W. Program Student Handbook (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VnoXHXHkeS3SP3eTFKMu3vYwhsl2DL3d/edit/).

Continuation Standards

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

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

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**Total Credits: 85**

† Aquinas Institute of Theology Course

‡ If choosing the clinical concentration in M.S.W. program, SWRK 5733 must be taken with SWRK 5842.

§ Must be completed prior to start of supervised practice of ministry. Specific dates provided by the Director of Field Education.

### Contact Us

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