

# 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:

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

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.

### Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

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Saint Louis University's applied behavior analysis program is currently a Verified Course Sequence (VCS). Students who graduate from the Master of Science in Applied Behavior Analysis program will have completed all requirements necessary to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®) exam.

## 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/1VnoXHXHKeS3SP3eTFKM3vYwhsl2DL3d/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.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
CDS-D500:	Theology of Worship <sup>†</sup>	3
STH-D503	Introduction to Theology and Theological Method <sup>†</sup>	3
SWRK 5702	Social Policy	3
SWRK 5750	Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families, & Groups	3
SWRK 5725	Human Behavior & the Social Environment	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
BIB-D502	Biblical Interpretation <sup>†</sup>	3
MOR-D500	Foundations of Catholic Morality <sup>†</sup>	3
STH-D521	Christology <sup>†</sup>	3
SWRK 5751	Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations	3
SWRK 5841	Master of Social Work Foundation Practicum	2
SWRK 5819	Foundation Integrative Practice Seminar	1
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>

**Year Two****Fall**

BIB-D532	Ecclesiology <sup>†</sup>	3
FRM-D501	Human and Spiritual Formation I <sup>†</sup>	2
PST-D500	Foundation of Pastoral and Ethical Care <sup>†</sup>	3
SWRK 5832 or SWRK 5842	Community & Organization Practicum I or Clinical Practicum I	2
SWRK 5820	Integrative Practice Seminar	1
SWRK-57XX	Concentration Core <sup>‡</sup>	6
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17</b>

**Spring**

Supervised Practice of Ministry Orientation <sup>†§</sup>		
FRM-D501	Human and Spiritual Formation II <sup>†</sup>	1
PST-D537	Foundation of Pastoral Counseling <sup>†</sup>	3
SWRK 5700	Values & Ethics in Social Work	3
SWRK 5833 or SWRK 5843	Community & Organization Practicum II or Clinical Practicum II	3
SWRK-57XX	Concentration Core	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

**Year Three****Fall**

FRM-D501	Human and Spiritual Formation III <sup>†</sup>	1
MIN-D510	Supervised Practice of Ministry (SPM) I <sup>†</sup>	3
PST-DXX	Church History I <sup>†</sup>	3
SWRK-57XX	Concentration Core/Elective	3
SWRK 5707	Policy Practice for Social Justice	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>

**Spring**

BIB-DXXX	Scripture Elective <sup>†</sup>	3
CDS-D5550	Integrative Seminar <sup>†</sup>	0
PST-DXXX	Church History II <sup>†</sup>	3
SWRK 5708	Research and Evaluation in Social Work Practice	3
SWRK Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>85</b>

<sup>†</sup> Aquinas Institute of Theology Course

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

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

## Contact Us

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

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