

The University of Michigan Law School
Dual Degree Program

**Law & Social Work
JD/MSW**

This degree program is offered by the Law School and the School of Social Work. The program offers students the opportunity to work toward both the JD and the MSW (Master of Social Work). The program is designed so that all requirements can be completed in 4 to 4.5 years.

Students obtaining a dual degree in Law and Social Work often choose a career in social justice work. Some areas of interest include children, family, immigration, labor, LGBTQ, women, or human rights work. Graduates of the program are employed in the court systems (federal and state, children, family, criminal); child welfare and other human service systems, work as negotiators and mediators; work with nonprofit organizations, and for social welfare policy think-tanks and advocacy groups.

Students must take the complete sequence of first-year courses in one school during the first year of enrollment, and the complete sequence of first-year courses in the other school during the second year of enrollment. Each school will apply its own deferred admissions standard to students who elect to begin the program at the other school. At the outset, students are encouraged to work closely with an academic advisor in both schools.

Basic Requirements for the JD

Students entering the Law School must complete the required first-year law curriculum.

The JD requires a minimum total of 82 credits earned between Law School courses and courses through the School of Social Work. Students must earn at least 70 credits toward the JD through courses taken in the Law School.

Law students are required to complete a course in professional responsibility, transnational law, and an upper-class writing requirement.

Twelve (12) credit hours may be taken from the satisfaction of requirements for the MSW. Instructions for requesting Law School credit for non-law courses are posted on the CTools site for dual degree students.

Basic Requirements for the MSW

The MSW requires a total of 60 credit hours, including foundation and concentration requirements.

Fifteen (15) credit hours may be satisfied by appropriate courses taken in the Law School.

Additional Requirements

Applicants must gain separate and independent admission to both the Law School and the School of Social Work, and should contact the admissions office of each school for application and admission information.

Students must satisfy the degree requirements of each school, and should consult with advisors in each school for the precise graduation requirements for each degree and for information about course offerings. Students should not expect any Law School courses beyond first-year courses to be offered in the summer term. Students will not receive credit toward the JD for non-law coursework taken prior to matriculation at the Law School. Students should consult with the advisor at the companion school concerning credit toward the MSW for Law coursework. Neither the GRE nor GMAT is required for admission to the School of Social Work. A valid LSAT score is required for admission to the Law School. *

During the third and fourth years of the program, students are permitted to elect courses in both schools. Tuition will be assessed at either the Law School or the School of Social Work rate, whichever is higher, when courses toward both degrees are taken in one term.

At the beginning of their final year of study in the combined program, students should consult with both their School of Social Work academic advisor and the Law School Registrar regarding forms that need to be completed prior to graduation.

The combined degree is not open to those who have already earned either the JD or the MSW. Students who are registered in the first or second year at the Law School or the first year at the School of Social Work may apply for admission to the dual degree program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Law School Admissions application materials:

Admissions Office
University of Michigan Law School
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Ann Arbor, MI 48109-3031
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Web Site: www.law.umich.edu

Law School Dual Degree Programs:

Office of Student Affairs
University of Michigan Law School
307 Hutchins Hall
625 South State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1215
734.615.0019
Email: law.dual.degrees@umich.edu

School of Social Work application materials and admission/registration information:

Admissions Office
School of Social Work
1080 South University Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1106
734.764.3309
Email: ssw.msw.info@umich.edu
Admissions: <http://www.ssw.umich.edu/admissions-MSW/>
Web Site: www.ssw.umich.edu

* Information contained herein is valid as of 8/24/09 and is subject to change. Contact with the appropriate admissions office is advised.