

**Master of Public Administration (MPA)/ Master of Social Work (MSW)
Dual Degree Program
(Effective Fall 2019)**

General Overview

MPA/MSW Dual Degree (90 credit MSW program)

MPA required credits	=	40
MSW core credits	=	78
Total credits	=	118

MPA/MSW Dual Degree (MSW Advanced Standing Program)

MPA required credits	=	40
MSW core credits	=	39
Total credits	=	79

Terminal courses are required for each program. In the MPA Program this is based upon MPA Capstone & Professional Development (PADM601). In the MSW program this is based on demonstration of competency in an orals exam presentation.

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MPA/MSW Dual Degree (90 credit MSW program) [118 credits]

MPA required courses (40 credits)

- PADM 501 Public Administration Research Approaches (5)
- PADM 503 Foundations of Public Administration (5)
- PADM 507 Public Policy Analysis (5)
- PADM 511 Public Organizational Theory and Leadership (5)
- PADM 513 Public Planning and Budgeting (5)
- PADM 515 Administrative Law and Regulation (5)
- PADM 525 Networked Government and Public Sector Grants-Writing (5)
- PADM 601 MPA Capstone and Professional Development (5)

MSW required courses (78 credits)

MSW Foundation (45 credits)

- SOWK 525 Research Methods for Program & Practice Evaluation (4)
- SOWK 530 Organizational & Community Contexts of Practice (4)
- SOWK 531 Societal Context of Practice (4)
- SOWK 532 Foundations of Professional Social Work Practice (4)
- SOWK 533 Social Work Assessment & Practice with Individuals & Families (4)
- SOWK 540 Human Development in Contemporary Environment (4)
- SOWK 541 Social Work Practice in a Diverse Society (4)
- SOWK 550 Social Work with Groups (4)
- SOWK 553 Social Work Intervention & Evaluation with Individuals & Families (4)
- SOWK 557 Biopsychosocial Bases for Human Development (4)
- SOWK 580 Practicum Preparation (1)
- SOWK 571 Foundation Practicum (4)

MSW Advanced Year (33 credits)

- SOWK 526 Research Methods II (4)
- SOWK 568 Proseminar in Social Welfare Policies and Programs (4)
- SOWK 602 Advanced Generalist Practice I (4)
- SOWK 603 Advanced Generalist Practice II (4)
- SOWK 581, 582, 5833, 584 Integrative Seminars I II III IV (4)
- SOWK 671 Practicum/Seminar (13)

MPA/MSW Dual Degree (MSW Advanced Standing) [83 credits]

MPA required courses (40 credits)

PADM 501	Public Administration Research Approaches (5)
PADM 503	Foundations of Public Administration (5)
PADM 507	Public Policy Analysis (5)
PADM 511	Public Organizational Theory and Leadership (5)
PADM 513	Public Planning and Budgeting (5)
PADM 515	Administrative Law and Regulation (5)
PADM 525	Networked Government and Public Sector Grants-Writing (5)
PADM 601	MPA Capstone and Professional Development (5)

MSW Advanced Standing required courses (39 credits)

SOWK 561	Advanced Standing Seminar (6)
SOWK 568	Proseminar (4)
SOWK 526	Research Methods II (4)
SOWK 602	Advanced Generalist Practice I (4)
SOWK 603	Advanced Generalist Practice II (4)
SOWK 581, 582, 583, 584	- Integrative Seminars I, II, III, IV (1 credit each)
SOWK 671	Advanced Practicum/Seminar (13)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I apply for the MPA/MSW Dual Degree Programs?

In the MPA/MSW dual-degree program, required courses for one degree program serve as elective courses in the second program, thereby reducing the number of credits required for each of the degrees. You must apply to each program separately and will be notified by each program regarding your acceptance. In order to pursue the dual degree program you must be accepted by both programs.

2. If I am already enrolled in one of the graduate programs (MPA/MSW) can I still enroll in the other program?

Yes, as long as you are still enrolled (have not yet graduated) in one of the programs you can still apply for the other and do the dual degree program.

3. How long does it take to complete the MPA/MSW Dual Degree Program?

A full time 2-year MSW student could take approximately three years to complete this dual degree program. [118 credits / 15 credits per quarter = 8 quarters]

A full time Advanced Standing MSW student could complete the degrees in two years. [79 credits / 15 credits = 6 quarters]

Part-time MSW students could complete the degrees in approximately 5 - 6 years.

Part time Advanced Standing MSW students could complete the degrees in approximately 3 - 4 years.

4. Are required program courses offered during the summer for the MPA or MSW programs?

With the single exception of PADM525 Networked Government and Public Sector Grants-Writing (5) [a required course in the dual degree program], the MPA and MSW programs normally do not offer required program courses during the summer. Both do offer elective courses during the summer and the regular school year.

5. Can I graduate from one program, and finish the other one later?

Yes, you may complete one degree and then later complete the second degree.

6. How long can I take to finish the dual degree program?

A student has six years in which to complete the dual degree program. For example, if a student graduates with an MSW degree in two years they still have four years to complete the MPA program under the dual degree requirements. If a student in a part time MSW program finished in three years, they still have three years to complete the MPA program.