


# Dual Degree: Master of Social Work & Juris Doctor

2 Graduate Program Change 2021-22

## I. General Information

The faculty member originating this proposal is to complete sections I and II.

TURN ON help text before starting this proposal by clicking  in the top right corner of the heading. You will need to turn on help text again after any actions that refresh the page including after saving proposals, importing information, or running impact reports.

IMPORT curriculum data from the Catalog by clicking  in the top left corner.

Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.

Department (s) (if Dual or Interdisciplinary please add all departments)\*

School of Social Work

Degree/ Certificate Name\*

Dual Degree: Master of Social Work & Juris Doctor

Plan Code

Degree Type\*

Master of Social Work/Juris Doctor

Program Type\*

Dual Master's and Professional

## II. Program Changes

FILL IN ONLY fields required marked with an \* after importing data. You will not be able to launch the proposal without completing required fields. Do not make proposed changes to the information that was imported until after the proposal has been launched in Step 4. Changes will only be tracked after the proposal is launched

Are you changing admission

Yes  No

requirements?\*

Are you changing course requirements?  Yes  No

Are you changing degree completion requirements?  Yes  No

Are you changing the primary instructional mode?  Yes  No

Are you changing program learning objectives?  Yes  No

Are you changing the culminating experience?  Yes  No

If not a Dual itself, is this program also available as part of a Dual-Degree offering?  Yes  No

Other (e.g. subplan titles,...)  Yes  No

If yes, describe changes to learning objectives:

**Provide a Brief Summary of Proposed Changes**

Only SW changes:




Add a third concentration, Trauma Informed Practice, to the two concentrations of the MSW Program. Included comprehensive examination requirement to all subplans.

**Provide a rationale for each proposed change**

The new concentration, Trauma Informed Practice, will provide evidence-based knowledge and skills to prepare students for trauma-informed social work practice at the micro, mezzo, and macro levels of intervention. Research has indicated that a trauma-informed perspective increases overall behavioral health in clients being served by agencies that adapt to the perspective. In addition to the specific clinical social work skills for trauma-informed practice, students will learn SAMHSA models of trauma-informed organizations and policies to assess and advance social work practice and social service agencies toward this overall perspective. Comprehensive examinations are being added to better prepare students for their licensure certification tests. Also, accreditation requirements include an objective outcomes measure that is attended to by the comp. exams.

**Do not make any changes to any information until the proposal has been launched in Step 4.**

Follow these steps to change the program curriculum:

1. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Edit existing cores or click 'Add Core' and name your core (please use a comparable degree program in the current graduate catalog as a template). Edit or add any descriptive text (do not add courses until Step 2). Descriptive text is generally used in the following cores: Plan Description, Plan Admission Requirements, Plan Requirements, Plan Graduation Requirements.
2. There are two options for adding courses (see Step 3 to remove courses): "Add Course" and "Import Course." For courses already in the catalog, click on "Import Course" and find the courses needed. For new classes going through a Curriculog Approval Process click on "Add Course"-- a box will open asking you for the Prefix, Course Number and Course Title.
3. Click on  "View Curriculum Schema." Click on the area/header of the program where you would like to add courses. When you click on "Add Courses" it will bring up the list of courses available from Step 2. Select the courses you wish to add. For removing courses click on the  and proceed.

After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here\*

## Plan Description

The Juris Doctor/Master of Social Work (JD/MSW) dual degree program allows students to be admitted to both programs and to pursue the two degrees concurrently. Pursued individually, the JD and MSW add up to a higher amount of credits. This dual degree offers students the option to complete both programs with a credit reduction, due to the sharing of elective course options between programs. For more information about your program, including your graduate program handbook and learning outcomes, please visit the Degree Directory.

## Plan Admission Requirements

**Application deadlines** Applications available on the UNLV Graduate College website. Applicants to the JD/MSW degree program must apply for, and gain admission to, both the Boyd School of Law JD program and to the School of Social Work MSW program, respectively. Admission requirements are the same as those listed under the regular JD and MSW programs. While applications from current students in either program will be considered, students normally should seek and satisfy admission to enter both programs upon entering the university. However, petitions requesting admission to the dual JD/MSW program from students at more advanced stages in either program will be considered. Those interested are encouraged to submit a request for permission to participate in the program, along with applications for admission, at the earliest possible time. Contact the William S. Boyd School of Law at (702) 895-2440 and the UNLV School of Social Work programs at (702) 895-3311 for further information on admissions requirements. All domestic and international applicants must review and follow the Graduate College Admission and Registration Requirements. Students are accepted into a degree program as described in the Graduate Catalog. The faculty and corresponding subdisciplines and subplans within the described programs are subject to change at any time.

## Plan Requirements

See Subplan Requirements below. Subplan 1: Direct Practice Subplan 2: Management and Community Practice Subplan 3 Requirements: Trauma Informed Practice Subplan 4 Requirements: Advanced Standing

## Subplan 1 Requirements: Direct Practice Concentration

**Total Credits Required: 134**

## **Course Requirements**

**Total Credits Required for the Social Work M.S.W.: 54**

### **Required Courses – Credits: 27**

<b>SW 701 Social Welfare Policy I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 703 Social Welfare Policy II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 715 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 716 Social Work Research I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 719 Foundation Practicum I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 720 Foundation Practice Methods I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 726 Social Work Research II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 729 Foundation Practicum II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 730 Macro Theory and Practice</b>	<b>3</b>

### **Direct Practice Courses – Credits: 24**

<b>SW 707 Contemporary Issues in Diversity</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 739 Field Practicum I (DP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 740 Direct Practice I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 747 DSM: Assessment and Diagnosis</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 749 Field Practicum II (DP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 750 Direct Practice II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 776 Legal and Ethical Issues in Social Work</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 785 Special Topics in Advanced Policy</b>	<b>3</b>

### **Capstone Course – Credits: 3**

<b>SW 795 Capstone Seminar</b>	<b>3</b>
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## **Total Credits Required for the Juris Doctor: 80**

Required Courses – Credits: 44 Free Electives at Law School – Credits: 24  
Directed Electives at Law School – Credits: 12

## **Degree Requirements**

Complete course work with a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. To complete their MSW degree, students must successfully complete and pass a comprehensive examination.

## **Graduation Requirements**

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

## **Subplan 2 Requirements: Management and Community Practice Concentration**

Total Credits Required: 134

## **Course Requirements**

## **Total Credits Required for the Social Work M.S.W.: 54**

### **Required Courses – Credits: 27**

<b>SW 701 Social Welfare Policy I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 703 Social Welfare Policy II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 715 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 716 Social Work Research I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 719 Foundation Practicum I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 720 Foundation Practice Methods I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 726 Social Work Research II</b>	<b>3</b>

SW 729 Foundation Practicum II	3
SW 730 Macro Theory and Practice	3

### **Management and Community Practice Courses – Credits: 24**

SW 759 Field Practicum I (MCP)	3
SW 760 Management and Community Practice I	3
SW 765 Financial Management and Resource Development	3
SW 769 Field Practicum II (MCP)	3
SW 707 Contemporary Issues in Diversity	3
SW 770 Management and Community Practice II	3
SW 775 Advanced Policy Practice	3
SW 776 Legal and Ethical Issues in Social Work	3

### **Capstone Course – Credits: 3**

SW 795 Capstone Seminar	3
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### **Total Credits Required for the Juris Doctor: 80**

Required Courses – Credits: 44 Free Electives at Law School – Credits: 24  
Directed Electives at Law School – Credits: 12

### **Degree Requirements**

Complete course work with a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. To complete their MSW degree, students must successfully complete and pass a comprehensive examination.

### **Graduation Requirements**

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

## **Subplan 3 Requirements: Trauma Informed Practice Concentration**

**Total Credits Required: 134**

### **Course Requirements**

**Total Credits Required for the Social Work M.S.W.: 54**

### **Required Courses – Credits: 27**

<b>SW 701 Social Welfare Policy I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 703 Social Welfare Policy II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 715 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 716 Social Work Research I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 719 Foundation Practicum I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 726 Social Work Research II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 729 Foundation Practicum II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 730 Macro Theory and Practice</b>	<b>3</b>

### **Trauma Informed Practice Courses - Credits: 24**

<b>SW 707 Contemporary Issues in Diversity</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 776 Legal and Ethical Issues in Social Work</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[After] SW - 779 - Field Practicum I (TIP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[After] SW - 780 - Trauma and Addiction: Screening, Assessment, and Treatment</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[After] SW - 781 - Trauma and the Brain</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[After] SW - 782 - Trauma-informed Systems and Policies</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[After] SW - 789 - Field Practicum II (TIP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 790 Family-Based Practice</b>	<b>3</b>

### **Capstone Course – Credits: 3**



## Total Credits Required for the Juris Doctor: 80

Required Courses – Credits: 44 Free Electives at Law School – Credits: 24  
Directed Electives at Law School – Credits: 12

## Degree Requirements

Complete course work with a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. To complete their MSW degree, students must successfully complete and pass a comprehensive examination.

## Graduation Requirements

See Plan Graduation Requirements below.

## Sublan 4 Requirements: Advanced Standing

Total Credits Required: 122

## Course Requirements

## Total Credits Required for the Social Work M.S.W.: 42

## Bridge Courses – Credits: 12

Complete 12 credits by completing all of the following courses:

SW 707 Contemporary Issues in Diversity	3
SW 734 Advanced Standing Practice Seminar	3
SW 736 Advanced Standing Integrative Seminar	3

## **Concentration Courses – Credits: 18**

Complete 18 credits of coursework from one of the following concentration areas, by completing all of the courses displayed under the chosen concentration:

### **Direct Practice**

<b>SW 739 Field Practicum I (DP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 740 Direct Practice I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 747 DSM: Assessment and Diagnosis</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 749 Field Practicum II (DP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 750 Direct Practice II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 785 Special Topics in Advanced Policy</b>	<b>3</b>

### **Management and Community Practice**

<b>SW 759 Field Practicum I (MCP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 760 Management and Community Practice I</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 765 Financial Management and Resource Development</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 769 Field Practicum II (MCP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 770 Management and Community Practice II</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 775 Advanced Policy Practice</b>	<b>3</b>

### **Trauma Informed Practice**

<b>[Before]SW - 779 - Field Practicum I (TIP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[Before]SW - 780 - Trauma and Addiction: Screening, Assessment, and Treatment</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[Before]SW - 781 - Trauma and the Brain</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[Before]SW - 782 - Trauma-informed Systems and Policies</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>[Before]SW - 789 - Field Practicum II (TIP)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>SW 790 Family-Based Practice</b>	<b>3</b>

## **Elective Courses – Credits: 9**

Complete a minimum of 9 credits of Social Work electives, or other advisor-approved graduate-level courses.

## **Capstone Course – Credits: 3**

SW 795 Capstone Seminar

3

## **Total Credits Required for the Juris Doctor: 80**

Required Courses – Credits: 44 Free Electives at Law School – Credits: 24  
Directed Electives at Law School – Credits: 12

## **Degree Requirements**

Complete course work with a minimum overall grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. To complete their MSW degree, students must successfully complete and pass a comprehensive examination.

## **Plan Graduation Requirements**

Students cannot graduate from one portion of the dual degree until the requirements for both are met. Students must apply to graduate from both programs for the same semester. The student must submit all required forms to the Graduate College and then apply for graduation up to two semesters prior to completing his/her degree requirements. Successfully complete the capstone seminar.

The [Degrees Directory](#) provides current and consistent degree information. Submission of this form indicates acknowledgment and understanding that every department is responsible creating and maintaining accurate and updated program information on the UNLV Degrees Directory.

If the changes included on this form impact the program handbook attach the updated handbook before submitting this form. If you need a Word version of the most recent handbook please email [GradCurriculum@unlv.edu](mailto:GradCurriculum@unlv.edu).

If new courses are added as placeholders within this proposal, new courses must be created using a Course Create form simultaneously to the process of this proposal.

**Degrees Directory  
Program Entry\***

Check this box to acknowledge the above statement.

**Changes will be  
applicable to\***

- Current Students  
 New Students  
 Both Current and New Students

**If applicable to  
current students,  
changes are**


- Mandatory  Optional


**Effective Date\***

Fall 2021

4. LAUNCH proposal by clicking  in the top left corner.

5. After launching the proposal, make all changes and fill in all additional fields.

6. Finish the launch of your proposal by clicking the icon  located in the Proposal Toolbox on left side at top. Make your decision, comment is optional, and click on "Make decision".

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.


### III. Department Vote Information

**Note:** This section is to be filled out by the Department Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.

2. Fill in vote information.

3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

**If Dual or Interdisciplinary:** add votes from all departments/colleges involved

(e.g. "Dpt A: .... / Dpt. B ....")

**Date faculty voted on proposal** 04/19/2019


**Result of vote** 12 Yes, 2 Absent (Yes later)

**Manner of vote** Faculty retreat vote

## IV. Unit Vote Information

**Note:** This section is to be filled out by the College Committee Chair on behalf of the committee.

(The role has been assigned to the corresponding person on this step. If incorrect, please notify GradCurriculum@unlv.edu)

1. Review the proposal. Discuss and make appropriate revisions.
2. Fill in vote information.
3. Then go to the proposal toolbox at the top right side. Click on  and select the corresponding decision for the committee. This will enable the proposal to go to the next person on the workflow.

You can check the status of the proposal by clicking  in Proposal Toolbox to verify that the proposal has gone to the next step.

**If Dual or Interdisciplinary:** add votes from all departments/colleges involved

(e.g. "College A: .... / College B ....")

**Date faculty voted on proposal** 3/26/2021

**Result of vote** 5-0 "Yes"

**Manner of vote** online

## V. Processing Notes (Graduate College/Registrar Use Only)

**Program Alerts (E.g. This program is no longer accepting applications)**

**PS Processing Notes**

**PS Processing Date**

**Initials**

**Aalog Processing**

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Date**

**Initials**

## Comments for Dual Degree: Master of Social Work & Juris Doctor

<b>Curriculog</b>	4/7/2021 5:18 pm <a href="#">Reply</a>
Emily Lin has approved this proposal on Graduate College Dean.	
<b>Gregory Moody</b>	4/7/2021 11:49 am <a href="#">Reply</a>
Vote in approval, WebEx meeting. 16-0	
<b>Curriculog</b>	4/7/2021 11:49 am <a href="#">Reply</a>
Gregory Moody has approved this proposal on Graduate Programs Committee.	
<b>Curriculog</b>	4/7/2021 10:19 am <a href="#">Reply</a>
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Graduate Programs Committee.	
<b>Curriculog</b>	3/29/2021 8:21 am <a href="#">Reply</a>
Tara Emmers-Sommer has approved this proposal on School/College Associate Dean/Dean.	
<b>Tara Emmers-Sommer</b>	3/29/2021 8:21 am <a href="#">Reply</a>
GCUA Graduate Committee votes 5-0 "Yes" in approval. Please note that SWK needs to enter the department vote on this proposal. Thank you.	
<b>Curriculog</b>	3/29/2021 8:21 am <a href="#">Reply</a>
Tara Emmers-Sommer has approved this proposal on School/College Committee.	
<b>Curriculog</b>	3/23/2021 8:10 pm <a href="#">Reply</a>
Social Work Chair has approved this proposal on Department Chair.	
<b>Curriculog</b>	3/23/2021 3:04 pm <a href="#">Reply</a>
Social Work Graduate Coordinator has approved this proposal on Graduate Coordinator.	
<b>Curriculog</b>	3/23/2021 2:59 pm <a href="#">Reply</a>
Graduate Curriculum has approved this proposal on Technical Review.	
<b>Graduate Curriculum</b>	3/23/2021 2:59 pm <a href="#">Reply</a>

Approved together with originator during webex meeting

**Curriculog**

3/23/2021 2:59 pm [Reply](#)

Graduate Curriculum has force approved this proposal.

**Curriculog**

3/15/2021 4:07 pm [Reply](#)

Mary-Ann Overcamp-Martini has launched this proposal.

**Curriculog**

3/15/2021 4:00 pm [Reply](#)

Mary-Ann Overcamp-Martini imported from the map 2021-2022 Working Graduate Catalog into the following proposal fields: I. General Information: Degree/ Certificate Name, I. General Information: Degree Type, I. General Information: Program Type, II. Program Changes: After you have launched proposal, update prospective curriculum here.