

Dual Degree: Master of Social Work & Juris Doctor

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

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

Direct Practice Courses – Credits: 24

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

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.

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

SW 701 Social Welfare Policy I	3
SW 703 Social Welfare Policy II	3
SW 715 Human Behavior and the Social Environment I	3
SW 716 Social Work Research I	3

SW 719 Foundation Practicum I	3
SW 720 Foundation Practice Methods I	3
SW 726 Social Work Research II	3
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

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Graduation Requirements

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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

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

Trauma Informed Practice Courses - Credits: 24

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

Capstone Course – Credits: 3

SW 795 Capstone Seminar	3
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Directed Electives at Law School – Credits: 12

Degree Requirements

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Graduation Requirements

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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
SW 776 Legal and Ethical Issues in Social Work	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

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

Management and Community Practice

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 770 Management and Community Practice II	3
SW 775 Advanced Policy Practice	3

Trauma Informed Practice

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

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
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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.