

## Dual Degree Programs

Reflecting the School's commitment to interdisciplinary teaching, practice, and research, dual degree programs have been developed with the University of Connecticut Schools of Law (MSW/JD), Public Policy (MSW/MPA) Medicine (MSW/ MPH) and with the Yale Divinity School (MSW/M. Div). This special feature offers an opportunity to seek degrees in two professions at the same time. Each program has constructed specific arrangements with the approval of both faculties. To enter a dual program, you must apply separately and be admitted to each school.

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In cooperation with the UConn School of Social Work, the School of Law offers student the opportunity to earn a dual degree of **MSW/JD Dual Degree**. The J.D./M.S.W. degree is designed for students who are interested in the social impact of the legal system upon individuals. Students pursue this degree to prepare for careers in fields such as public interest law, mental health law, elder law, women's rights, penology, juvenile advocacy, human services administration, community organizing and public policy and planning. The dual degree program is highly individualistic in nature in order to provide each student with the best possible combination of these two disciplines.

### Admission Requirements and Course of Study

All students who wish to pursue a dual degree program must first be granted separate admission into both programs. A dual degree enrollment form, approved by the Law School will also be required. Students in the dual degree program may obtain both degrees in four years, compared with five years, if both degrees were pursued separately. Study is generally begun at the School of Law, where during the first year, students will complete a minimum of (33) credits of required curriculum study. During the second year, students will complete a minimum of (6) social work courses, their first year field placement and a minimum of (2) law courses. Year three will consist of a minimum of (3) social work courses, their second field placement, a law school clinical experience (which coordinated in combination with the School of Social Work, can apply toward the second year field placement requirement of 560 hours), and (6) law school courses. During year four, students will take all remaining credits. Additionally, all students must comply with the rules regarding credit load limitations. Without prior approval from the Associate Dean of the Law School, full time students may not exceed (16) credits and part time students may not exceed (12) credits per semester. Permission may be granted by the law school for 17 credits. The limit per semester at the SSW is 17 credits.

### Completion Requirements

In addition to satisfaction of the requirements of both programs of study, dual degree candidates are required to complete these programs concurrently. The final award of transfer credit is contingent upon completion of both programs.

### Transfer Agreement

The J.D. degree program requires completion of (86) credits (including all required first-year courses, Legal Profession (LAW 7565), an intensive, analytical paper(s) which satisfies a writing requirement, and course work which satisfies the Practice Based Learning requirement). The M.S.W. degree program requires completion of (60) credits (including Social Work foundation, concentration courses in the student's selected concentration, two field placements, electives and research). The School of Law will accept (12)

credits from among a student's advanced M.S.W. courses for transfer. The School of Social Work will accept (9) elective credits of non-clinical work earned at the School of Law.

#### Law Courses Acceptable for Transfer to the M.S.W. Program

- Administrative Law
- Children and the Law
- Center for Children's Advocacy
- Elder Law
- Employment Discrimination Law
- Family Law
- Law and Medicine
- Mental Health Law
- Street Law

#### M.S.W. Courses Acceptable for Transfer to the J.D. Program (12 Credits)

- The School of Law will accept (12) credits the student's M.S.W. program.

#### Faculty Advisors

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The **MSW/MPA Dual Degree** is an interdisciplinary program in social work/public administration and is a collaborative effort between the UConn School of Social work and the Department of Public Policy. This arrangement affords students the opportunity to earn the MSW and MPA degrees concurrently in three years, rather than the normally required four. The opportunity offers students interdisciplinary preparation in the fields of both public administration and social work. Students must be accepted into both programs separately, and prior to the completion of their first year in either program.

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The **MSW/MPH Dual Degree** is an interdisciplinary program in social work/public health and is a collaborative effort between the UConn School of Social Work and the Department of Community Medicine and Health Care (Part of the School of Medicine) that affords students the opportunity to earn the MSW and Master of Public Health (MPH) degrees concurrently. The dual degree program offers students interdisciplinary preparation in the fields of both public health and social work.

Students in the MSW/MPH program are expected to complete a minimum of 36 credits in public health and a minimum of 51 credits in social work. The amount of credits earned in one program (e.g., the MPH) that can be applied to the other degree (e.g., the MSW) is somewhat dependent on the student's concentration in the School of Social Work as certain concentrations (Administration, Community Organization, Policy Practice) have more courses relevant to public health than other concentrations (Casework and Group Work). In addition, certain social work electives are more relevant to public health as well. In any event, those social work courses that the student wants included in the MPH program must

be pre-approved by the MPH program. Similarly, those public health courses that the student wants included in the MSW program must be pre-approved by the MSW program. All requirements for the MSW/MPH may be completed in 3-4 years in general. Because the social work program requires four semesters of field placements, the MPH group practicum is waived for MSW/ MPH students if at least one of the social work field placements (typically the advanced year placement) includes content relevant to public health. Brenda Kurz, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Social Work, with Jane Ungemack, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Community Medicine coordinate the MSW/MPH program.

Candidates must apply to both programs and meet the admission requirements of both the School of Social Work and the Master of Public Health Program. Application to the MPH program must be made no later than the end of the first year of the MSW program. Candidates are encouraged, however, to apply to and begin both programs at the same time, as this allows greater flexibility in the sequencing of courses and other requirements.

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### **Joint Program with Yale Divinity School**

In conjunction with the Yale University Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut, the School of Social Work offers a program in which students may earn the M.Div. and MSW degrees in four years instead of the five years required when these programs are taken separately. Both schools will accept up to nine elective credits earned in the other's program. The programs are individualized through the work of faculty advisors from the two schools. However, there are numerous courses in both programs that may count toward the dual degree so students will find considerable flexibility in their choice of course and field work. Applicants must obtain independent admission to both schools and must pay the appropriate fees at both schools. Student must be enrolled concurrently in both schools to benefit from this arrangement. The program of study is designed on an individual basis. Barris Malcolm, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Social Work is available for consultation on this program.