

SOCIAL WORK / LAW, M.S.W. / J.D.

Degree Requirements M.S.W (60 Hours) / J.D. (90 Hours)

Students must complete the dual degree program by starting in the Juris Doctor program. Each program offers a typical sequence of courses; through academic advisement with a dual degree coordinator in each program, students select specific courses to satisfy the requirements for each degree. All curriculum and hour requirements must be satisfied in order to graduate from the dual degree program. Students in the dual degree program must complete the program within seven academic years. See the Social Work, M.S.W. and the J.D. bulletin (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/archives/2020-2021/law/>) for additional information.

The law program accepts up to nine (9) hours of social work courses as electives in its program and the MSW Program accepts up to six (6) hours of law courses towards the MSW degree. Thus the 60-credit hour MSW degree and 90-credit hour J.D. degree can both be completed with a total of 135 credit hours. However, according to the American Bar Association (ABA), the Juris Doctor program cannot accept any social work credits earned prior to matriculating in the law program. The first year of law studies must be completed at one time. Students enrolled in the dual degree MSW/JD program must be enrolled concurrently in SOWK courses and at least three (3) credit hours of LAWS courses in the semester during which they plan to share SOWK credit hours toward the J.D. degree.

The table below reflects the plan of study for a full-time student who begins the dual degree program in law. Note that the courses beyond the first year of law studies may be adjusted due to program or accreditation changes.

Law course descriptions are found in the School of Law Bulletin (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/archives/2020-2021/law/>)

| Course | Title | Credit Hours |
|----------------------|-------|--------------|
| First Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| LAWS 500 | | 1 |
| LAWS 504 | | 4 |
| LAWS 524 | | 3 |
| LAWS 529 | | 4 |
| LAWS 533 | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| LAWS 509 | | 4 |
| LAWS 523 | | 4 |
| LAWS 534 | | 3 |
| LAWS 544 | | 4 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Summer | | |
| LAWS Elective Course | | 3 |

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| LAWS Elective Course | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 6 |
| Second Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| SOWK 712 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment I | 3 |
| SOWK 714 | Diversity and Social Justice Issues for Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SOWK 716 | Human Behavior and the Social Environment II | 3 |
| SOWK 781 | Field Instruction I: Generalist Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SOWK 791 | Social Work Research Methodologies | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | |
| SOWK 722 | Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Small Groups | 3 |
| SOWK 732 | Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities | 3 |
| SOWK 742 | Social Welfare Policy Analysis | 3 |
| SOWK 777 | Advanced Theory for Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SOWK 782 | Field Instruction II: Generalist Social Work Practice | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Summer | | |
| Students may elect to take these courses during the summer in order to meet curriculum requirements upon approval of the dual degree coordinator in each program: | | |
| SOWK Elective Course | | 3 |
| LAWS Elective Course | | 2-3 |
| Credit Hours | | 5-6 |
| Third Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| SOWK 779 | Advanced Social Work Interventions | 3 |
| SOWK 783 | Field Instruction III: Advanced Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SOWK 792 or SOWK 793 | Evaluation of Social Work Practice or Evaluation of Social Work Programs | 3 |
| LAWS 554 | shared course | 3 |
| LAWS Elective Course ¹ | | 3 |
| SOWK Elective Course | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 18 |
| Spring | | |
| SOWK 718 | Systems Analysis of Social Work Practice (shared course) | 3 |
| SOWK 778 | Advanced Analysis of Social Policy, Programs, and Services (shared course) | 3 |
| SOWK 784 | Field Instruction IV: Advanced Social Work Practice | 3 |
| LAWS Elective Course (shared course) | | 3 |
| LAWS Elective Course ¹ | | 3 |
| LAWS Elective Course ¹ | | 3 |
| SOWK Elective Course (shared course) | | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 21 |

Fourth Year

Fall

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| LAWS Elective Courses | 15 |
| Credit Hours | 15 |

Spring

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| LAWS Elective Courses | 15 |
| Credit Hours | 15 |
| Total Credit Hours | 140-141 |

¹ Students may elect to take these courses during summer sessions in order to meet curriculum requirements upon approval of the dual degree coordinator in each program.