

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

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

Students must complete the combination degree program by starting in the J.D. Program. Each program offers a typical sequence of courses; through academic advisement with a combination 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 combination degree program.

Students in the combination 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/law/>) for additional information.

The J.D. 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 J.D. 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 M.S.W./J.D. 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/law/>)

First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
LAWS 500	Introduction to the Legal Profession	1
LAWS 504	Contract Law	4
LAWS 524	Criminal Law	3
LAWS 529	Torts	4
LAWS 533	Legal Research, Analysis and Writing I	3
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
LAWS 509	Property	4
LAWS 523	Constitutional Law	4
LAWS 534	Legal Research, Analysis and Writing II	3
LAWS 544	Civil Procedure	4
Credit Hours		15
Summer		
LAWS Elective Course		3
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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	Problems in Professional Responsibility (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

LAWS Elective Courses	15
Credit Hours	15

Spring

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.