

BOSTON COLLEGE SOCIAL WORK

WHERE TRANSFORMATION HAPPENS

MSW/MBA DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM 2017 – 2018

Purpose

The MSW/MBA Dual Degree Program was developed by both the School of Social Work (SSW) and the Carroll Graduate School of Management (CGSOM). The purpose is to provide professionals with a unique knowledge base combining the skills and credentials of management and social work.

Students interested in the dual degree program must be admitted independently to the respective schools.

Objectives

The program is designed to provide students with a unique combination of knowledge and skills in the behavioral and administrative sciences, with exceptional strength in management decision-making and leadership. In addition, specific objectives include:

1. A strong common base of social work knowledge, advanced competence in one of two social work methods of intervention, and identification with the Social Work profession.
2. Proficiency in the management functions of accounting, finance, computer information systems, marketing, operations management, social issues and human resource management. Special emphasis and skill development in team based organizational structures. Ability to lead strategically and to position an organization effectively for long-term growth and development in both profit and non-profit institutions.
3. A strong commitment to social work values and humane professionalism, an understanding of the value system in the profit and non-profit sectors, and an awareness and capacity to confront the ethical dilemmas encountered in organizations.
4. Knowledge and understanding of complex organizations, their development, and transformation, and knowledge of behavioral and administrative sciences. Understanding of the decision-making process and competence in managerial decision making execution.
5. To provide applied learning experiences with professional supervision through two appropriate field internships. The final year in Field will be supervised by an LICSW.

Intervention Methods

In the School of Social Work students must choose an intervention method: clinical social practice or macro practice. Clinical students focus on practice directly with individuals, families, and groups in dealing with personal, interpersonal, and social problems. Macro students develop specific knowledge and skills to achieve change in organizational and community settings.

Field-of-Practice Concentration

Prior to entering the 3rd year, students will choose a field-of-practice concentration from one of the following areas: Children, Youth, & Families, Health & Mental Health, Older Adults & Families, or Individualized. Dual degree students are not eligible to take the Global Practice concentration because of the required full-time Spring field placement.

Course of Study

In broad outline, the course of study for the MSW/MBA dual degree calls for three years of study structured as follows:

Year 1: Complete the core curriculum at the School of Social Work, which includes a two-day per week field practicum.

Year 2: Complete the core curriculum at the Carroll Graduate School of Management. No field practicum is required in year two.

Summer
between

Yr. 2 & 3: Complete two SSW electives.

Year 3: Complete the course requirements of each school - four electives in CGSOM, four core courses in SSW. The remaining credit requirements are completed by a three-day per week social work field practicum (or student may begin the practicum in August for five days per week over four weeks and continue two days per week during the academic year).

Note: It is also possible to begin the MSW Program on a part-time basis, completing the first full-time MSW curriculum over two part-time years, and thereby completing both degrees in four years.

- SSW requires 65 credits for the MSW degree and accepts 9 credit hours from the MBA program for *elective* credits. The CGSOM requires 58 credits for the MBA degree and accepts 12 credit hours from the MSW program for elective credits enabling the student to complete two full master's programs in three years. Dual degree students complete the requirements for both degrees with a total of 102 credits rather than 123 credits if taken independently

SSW Field Placement

- The student will work closely with a faculty advisor and/or coordinator from SSW to discuss an appropriate practicum placement, which will provide opportunities for practice integration of social work and management knowledge and skills.

- In lieu of the three-day per week placement in the third year, a student may begin fieldwork in August at five days per week for four weeks, and then continue two days per week during the academic year.

Payment schedule

Year 1: Register through and pay tuition and fees of the school in which you enroll (typically SSW).

Year 2: Register through and pay tuition and fees of the second school (typically CGSOM).

Summer
Between

Yr. 2 & 3: Register through and pay tuition and fees to the SSW.

Year 3
(Fall Semester): Register through and pay tuition and fees to the CGSOM.

Year 3
(Spring Semester): Register through and pay tuition and fees to the SSW.

Graduate Assistantships

- Graduate Assistantships and Scholarships are available to CGSOM students for the semesters in which they are enrolled. Assistantships and scholarships are merit-based awards and are made only at the time of admission. Applicants must indicate interest in receiving merit-based funding on the application.
- Graduate Assistantships are available to SSW students only in the third year of the dual degree program. Applications are available in the latter half of the spring semester and can be located in the SSW admissions office.

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Breakdown of each year's course requirements.

**MSW/MBA Year One (Clinical or Macro)
First Year: Social Work Foundation**

Fall			Spring		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
SCWK772 1	Human Behavior and Social Environment	3	SCWK772 2 or SCWK883 3	Psychosocial Pathology (clinical) or Theories of Leadership and Organizational Change (Macro)	3
SCWK772 3	Diversity and Cross Cultural Issues	3	SCWK885 5 or SCWK888 6	Clinical Practice: Children & Families (Clinical) or Social Change: Financial Management and Resource Development (Macro)	3
SCWK776 2	Basic Skills in SW Clinical Practice	3	SCWK885 6 or SCWK888 9	Clinical Practice with Adults (Clinical) or Social Innovation (Macro)	3
SCWK880 0	Basic Skills in SW Macro Practice	3	SCWK770 1	Social Welfare System	3
SCWK992 1	Field Instruction I	3	SCWK993 2 or SCWK994 2	Field Instruction II	3
Total		15	Total		15

**MSW/MBA Year Two
Second Year: Management Foundation**

Fall			Spring		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
MGMT7701	Introduction to Strategic Management	2	ISYS7730	Data Analytics III: Practical Applications	2
OPER7716	Data Analytics I: Model Building	2	MGMT7710	Strategic Management	2
ACCT7713	Accounting	2	MPRX7730	Management Practice Experience	2
MKTG7720	Marketing	2	OPER7720	Operations Management	2
MGMT7712	Managing People & Organizations	2		Core Elective #1	2
ISYS7720	Data Analytics II: Technology & Management	2		Core Elective #2	2
MFIN7701	Economics	2		Core Elective #3	2
MFIN7722	Financial	2		Core Elective #4	2

	Management				
GSOM7705 /06	Professional Development Workshops	2			
	Total	18		Total	16

Summer (SSW Electives)

Summer		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
SCWKxxx	Social Work Elective	3
SCWKxxx	Social Work Elective	3
	Total	6

MSW/MBA Year Three (Clinical or Macro)

Third Year: Combined

Fall			Spring		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
	CGSOM Elective	3		CGSOM Elective	3
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SCWKxxx	Adv. Practice from concentration	3	SCWKxxx	Adv. Policy from concentration	3
SCWK774 7	Research Methods	3	SCWK8841	Program Evaluation	3
SCWK9933 Or SCWK9943	Field Education III	4	SCWK9934 Or SCWK9944	Field Education IV	4
	Total	16		Total	16