

BOSTON COLLEGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

MA/MSW DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM 2018-2019

PURPOSE

In 1989 the Dual Degree in Social Work (MSW) and Pastoral Ministry (MA) Program was developed by the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry (IREPM), now part of the School of Theology and Ministry (STM), and the School of Social Work (SSW) for students who are interested in serving both the pastoral and social needs of individuals, families, groups and communities. The program reflects the University's mission to educate individuals who are committed to the pursuit of social justice. A specific goal is to develop the skills and credentials necessary to plan, administer and/or provide social services within a local church or church-related agency. Students admitted to the program may expect to receive both the Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry (MA) and the Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees in approximately 3 years of full-time study (less if taking STM summer courses; more if approved for part-time study by the SSW).

OBJECTIVES

1. To educate practitioners in social work and pastoral ministry who can effectively integrate their theological understanding with the theories and practice of social work.
2. To provide the core curriculum of each discipline while enabling students to concentrate in the specific area of knowledge and practice that corresponds to their professional goals.
3. To provide applied learning experiences with professional supervision through two field internships. The opportunity for pastoral supervision is also provided.
4. To prepare practitioners who have a commitment to work with the church in bringing about a human condition that is free from violence, oppression and discrimination, and one that protects and promotes the development of all peoples.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME

At the completion of this dual degree program, graduates will be able to integrate their theological education and formation for ministry with the theories and practice of social work.

SPECIALIZED PRACTICE

In the School of Social Work students must choose an area of specialized practice: Clinical 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.

FIELDS-OF-PRACTICE

Prior to entering the 3rd year, students will choose a Field-of-Practice 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 Field-of-Practice with an international placement because of the required full-time Spring field placement. However, with sufficient planning and approval, students may be able to adjust their STM and SSW class schedules to be eligible for applying for the Global Field-of-Practice.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Students must be accepted independently to the STM and to the SSW.
2. Students may begin their studies in either the STM or SSW or by taking courses in both programs simultaneously (see notes on Options A, B, and C worksheets). SSW requirements are sequenced but STM requirements need not be.
3. The program is designed for completion in three years with extension to four years for those starting on a part-time basis. Requests for extensions must be approved by the SSW Academic Standards Review Committee and the Dean of the SSW.
4. The integrity of both the MA and the MSW degrees is to be maintained as follows:
 - a. SSW requires 65 credits for the MSW degree, 9 of which are taken in STM courses.
 - b. STM requires 48 credits for the MA in Theology and Ministry, 8 credits of which are taken in SSW courses.
 - c. Dual degree students complete the degrees with 96 credits rather than 113 credits if taken independently.
5. Students are to develop an appropriate course of study working with the designated faculty advisors at the respective schools.
6. All MA/MSW students enroll in Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry (1 credit) in the fall and continue through the spring semester of their first full academic year, regardless of whether they are enrolled in STM or SSW.
7. Students pursuing the MA in Theology and Ministry/MSW Integrated Program (Option A) and the School-Specific Program (Option B) are expected to receive both degrees at May commencement; students pursuing the STM MA in Theology and Ministry, primarily in the summers (Option C) normally receive both degrees on August 30th.
8. The two required field internships are through the SSW. The first internship is during the student's MSW first full-time year; the second is during the final academic year.
9. Students must participate in the Professional Ethics in Ministry Workshop. Part I is traditionally offered in the fall and Part II in the spring, both during the first year of study at the STM.

STUDENT ADVISEMENT

The SSW and the STM assign each student advisors in their respective schools when students begins their program of studies for the dual degree. Students are encouraged to meet with advisors in each school to plan their individual programs.

The School of Theology and Ministry and the School of Social Work each have a Liaison for the MA/MSW Dual degree Program. They can help answer your questions regarding the program in general and will serve as your primary contact in each of the schools throughout the course of your studies. The Liaisons for the Dual Degree Program are:

- **STM:** Jennifer Bader, Associate Dean, 617-552-4478, baderje@bc.edu AND Dr. Philip Browning Helsel, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, 617-552-1315, philip.browninghelsel@bc.edu.
- **SSW:** Teresa Schirmer, Associate Dean, 617-552-0743, touheyt@bc.edu.

For information concerning adding or dropping a course, course scheduling and availability, etc., please contact:

- **STM:** Donna DeRosa, Assistant Director, Financial Aid and Academic Services, 617-552-8440, derosado@bc.edu.
- **SSW:** Teresa Schirmer, Associate Dean, 617-552-4762, touheyt@bc.edu.

FIELD EDUCATION

The dual degree requires two field placements during the two years of social work study. Both are under the auspices of the School of Social Work. The first-year social work placement is designed to be a broadening experience, and can be done in a religious setting or a placement setting that honors the spiritual dimension of the person. The second year of field education affords the student the option of being placed within an agency that is consistent with the student's pastoral goals. These include hospital-based placements, mental health centers, hospice programs, various programs with Catholic Charities, women's shelters, etc. There are opportunities for working with children, families, the aging, teens, etc., in clinical, community organizing, and administration settings.

In planning for your second placement, students should meet with the Field staff at the SSW before finalizing the placement application.

Field Placements: Joe McLaughlin, Assistant Director of Field, (617) 552-0831, joe.mclaughlin.2@bc.edu .

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Tuition is paid to the school in which the dual degree student is currently enrolled. For Options A & B, tuition is paid to the STM in Academic Year I and for any or all summers and to the SSW in Academic Years II and III; for Option C, students pay tuition to the STM in Summers I, II and III and the SSW in Academic Years I and II. Financial aid packages are provided by each school independently. Students must apply for financial aid in each school. For example, students who begin their studies in Social Work in the fall should complete applications for financial aid to the STM in the following spring to be applied the following academic year when they will be studying Pastoral Ministry.

COURSE WORK

The following pages are worksheets for Option A (Integrated Program), Option B (School-Specific Program) and Option C (STM Summer Program) of the MSW/MA Dual Degree Program.

With the exception of the two allotted social work electives, SSW lists specific course requirements while the STM course requirements listed on the worksheets identify areas of study—not necessarily specific courses. This means that there may be several options available to fulfill the area requirement.

The STM does not require that courses be sequenced in the order that they are listed on the worksheets. Students should meet with their Faculty Course Selection Advisor to discuss course options prior to registration.

OPTION A
Integrated Program

Academic Year I: STM & SSW

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
TMCE7095	Professional Ethics for Ministry Workshop	0	TMCE7096	Professional Ethics for Ministry Workshop	0
TMST7057	Foundations of Theology (if required) or Elective	3	TMSTxxxx	Christology*	3
TMOTxxxx	Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)	3	TMSTxxxx	Ecclesiology*	3
			TMNTxxxx	New Testament	3
TMPS7080	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry**	0	TMPS7080	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry**	1
SCWK7721	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3	SCWK7701	Social Welfare System	3
SCWK7723	Diversity and Cross-Cultural Issues	3	SCWK7722 or SCWK8833	Psychosocial Pathology (Clinical) or Leadership and Social Transformation (Macro)	3
	Total	12		Total	16

Summer I: STM

TMxxxxxx	Spirituality	3
TMxxxxxx	Theology of Ministry, Theological Anthropology, Sacraments, or Church History	3
TMPSxxxx	Pastoral Counseling	3
	Total	9

Academic Year II: SSW & STM

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
SCWK7762	Basic Skills in Clinical Social Work	3	SCWK8855 or SCWK8886	Clinical Practice with Children and Families (Clinical) or Financial Management and Resource Development (Macro)	3
SCWK8800	Basic Skills in Macro Practice	3	SCWK8856 or SCWK8889	Clinical Practice with Adults (Clinical) or Social Innovation (Macro)	3
SCWK9921	Field Education I	3	SCWK9932 or SCWK9942	Field Education II (Clinical) or Field Education II (Macro)	3
TMCExxxx	Social Ethics*	3	TMRExxxx	Religious Education*	3
TMXXxxxx	STM Elective*	3	TMPS7064	Integrating Faith, Counseling and Services of Justice	3
	Total	15		Total	15

Summer II or Academic Year III: SSW

SCWKxxxx	SSW Elective	3
SCWKxxxx	SSW Elective	3
	Total	6

Academic Year III: SSW and STM

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
SCWK7747	Research Methods	3	SCWK8841	Program Evaluation	3
SCWKxxxx	Advanced Practice from Field-of-Practice	3	SCWKxxxx	Advanced Policy from Field-of-Practice	3
TMPSxxxx	Practical/Pastoral Theology*	3	STM	Thesis	0
SCWK9933 or SCWK9943	Field Education III (Clinical) or Field Education III (Macro)	4	SCWK9934 or SCWK9944	Field Education IV (Clinical) or Field Education IV (Macro)	4
	Total	13		Total	10

*Course can be taken fall or spring ** Yearlong course

OPTION B
School-Specific Program

Academic Year I or II: STM

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
TMPS7095	Professional Ethics in Ministry Workshop, Part I	0	TMPS7096	Professional Ethics in Ministry Workshop, Part II	0
TMST7057	Foundations of Theology (if required) or Elective	3	TMRExxxx	Religious Education*	3
TMCExxxx	Social Ethics*	3	TMSTxxxx	Christology*	3
TMPSxxxx	Pastoral Counseling*	3	TMNTxxxx	New Testament	3
TMOTxxxx	Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)	3	TMPS7064	Integrating Faith, Counseling and Services of Justice	3
TMPS7080	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry**	0	TMPS7080	Spiritual Formation for the Practice of Ministry**	1
Total		12	Total		13

Summer I: STM

TMxxxxxx	Spirituality	3
TMxxxxxx	Theology of Ministry, Theological Anthropology, Sacraments, or Church History	3
TMSTxxxx	Ecclesiology	3
Total		9

Academic Year I or II: SSW (Clinical or Macro)

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
SCWK7721	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3	SCWK7722 or SCWK8833	Psychosocial Pathology (Clinical) or Leadership and Social Transformation (Macro)	3
SCWK7723	Diversity and Cross-Cultural Issues	3	SCWK8855 or SCWK8886	Clinical Practice with Children and Families (Clinical) or Financial Management and Resource Development (Macro)	3
SCWK7762	Basic Skills in Clinical Social Work	3	SCWK8856 or SCWK8889	Clinical Practice with Adults (Clinical) or Social Innovation (Macro)	3
SCWK8800	Basic Skills in Macro Practice	3	SCWK7701	Social Welfare System	3
SCWK9921	Field Education I	3	SCWK9932 or SCWK9942	Field Education II (Clinical) or Field Education II (Macro)	3
Total		15	Total		15

Summer II or Academic Year III: SSW

SCWKxxxx	SSW Elective	3
SCWKxxxx	SSW Elective	3
Total		6

Academic Year III: SSW and STM

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
SCWK7747	Research Methods	3	SCWK8841	Program Evaluation	3
SCWKxxxx	Advanced Practice from Field-of-Practice	3	SCWKxxxx	Advanced Policy from Field-of-Practice	3
TMPSxxxx	Pastoral/Practical Theology	3	TMxxxxxx	STM Elective	3
			STM	Thesis Project	0
SCWK9933 or SCWK9943	Field Education III (Clinical) or Field Education III (Macro)	4	SCWK9934 or SCWK9944	Field Education IV (Clinical) or Field Education IV (Macro)	4
Total		13	Total		13

*Course can be taken fall or spring ** Yearlong course

OPTION C
STM Summer MA Program

Summer I: STM

Course #	Course Area	Credits
TMSTxxxx	Christology	3
TMSTxxxx	Ecclesiology	3
TMOTxxxx	Hebrew Bible (Old Testament)	3
TMST7505	Foundations of Theology (if required) or Elective	3
	Total	12

Academic Year I: SSW (Clinical or Macro)

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
SCWK7721	Human Behavior in the Social Environment	3	SCWK7722 or SCWK8833	Psychosocial Pathology (Clinical) or Theories of Leadership and Organizational Change (Macro)	3
SCWK7723	Diversity and Cross-Cultural Issues	3	SCWK8855 or SCWK8886	Clinical Practice with Children & Families (Clinical) or Financial Management and Resource Development(Macro)	3
SCWK7762	Basic Skills in Clinical Social Work	3	SCWK8856 or SCWK8889	Clinical Practice with Adults (Clinical) or Social Innovation (Macro)	3
SCWK8800	Basic Skills in Macro Practice	3	SCWK7701	Social Welfare System	3
SCWK9921	Field Education I	3	SCWK9932 or SCWK9942	Field Education II (Clinical) Field Education II (Macro)	3
TMPS7080	Spiritual Formation	0	TMPS7080	Spiritual Formation	1
TMCE7095	Professional Ethics for Ministry Workshop, Part 1	0	TMCE 7096	Professional Ethics for Ministry Workshop, Part II	0
	Total	15		Total	16

Summer II: STM

Course #	Course Area	Credits
TMPSxxxx	Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
TMPSxxxx	Pastoral/Practical Theology	3
TMCExxxx	Social Ethics	3
TMNTxxxx	Christian Scriptures (New Testament)	3
	Total	12

Academic Year II: SSW and STM

FALL SEMESTER			SPRING SEMESTER		
Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
SCWK7747	Research Methods	3	SCWK8841	Program Evaluation	3
SCWKxxxx	Advanced Practice from Concentration	3	SCWKxxxx	Advanced Policy from Concentration	3
SCWKxxxx	SCWK Elective	3	TMPS7064	Integrating Faith, Counseling and Services of Justice	3
TMxxxxxx	Spirituality	3	STM	Thesis	0
			SCWKxxxx	SCWK Elective	3
SCWK9933 or SCWK9943	Field Education III(Clinical) Field Education III (Macro)	4	SCWK9934 or SCWK9944	Field Instruction IV (Clinical) Field Education IV (Macro)	4
	Total	16		Total	16

Summer III: STM

Course #	Course Area	Credits
TMRExxxx	Religious Education	3
TMCExxxx	Theology of Ministry or Theological Anthropology or Sacraments or Church History	3
TMxxxxxx	STM Elective	3
	Total	12

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