

BOSTON COLLEGE

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

MSW/MBA DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM 2018-2019

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 areas of specialization (Clinical and Macro), 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. Applied learning experiences with professional supervision through two appropriate field placements.

Specialized Practice

In the School of Social Work students must choose a 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 Concentration with an international placement 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.

Summer
between

Yr. 1 & 2: Complete two SSW electives.

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

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.

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 57 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 101 credits rather than 122 credits if taken independently.

SSW Field Placement

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

Payment schedule

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

Summer
between

Yr. 1 & 2: Register through and pay tuition and fees to the SSW.

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

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 are processed through 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
SCWK7721	Human Behavior and 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: 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	3
	Total	15		Total	15

Summer (SSW Electives)

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

**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	MGMT7760	Thinking Strategically	3
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 Management	2			
GSOM7705 /06	Professional Development Workshops	2			
	Total	18		Total	15

**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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SCWKxxxx	Advanced Practice from Field-of-Practice	3	SCWKxxxx	Advanced Policy from Field-of-Practice	3
SCWK7747	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

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