

ADD, CHANGE OR DELETE UNIT, PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS, OR ACADEMIC POLICIES

Complete this form consistent with the instructions in Academic Policy 1622.20. Use the form to add, change, or delete a program or unit or to change program policies. Proposed additions and changes must be consistent with Academic Policies 1100.40 and 1621.10 and any other policies which apply.

SECTION I: Approvals

Department / Program Chair _____	Date Submitted _____	Graduate Council Chair _____	Date _____
College Dean _____	Date _____	Faculty Senate Chair _____	Date _____
Honors College Dean _____	Date _____	Provost _____	Date _____
Core Curriculum Committee _____	Date _____	Board of Trustees Approval/Notification Date _____	
University Course and Programs Committee _____	Date _____	Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Approval/Notification Date _____	

SECTION II: Profile Data - Required Information and Name Change Information

Academic Unit: Major/Field of Study Minor Other Unit _____ Policy

Level: Undergraduate Graduate Law Effective Catalog Year _____

Program changes are effective with the next available catalog. See Academic Policy Series 1622.20

Current Name MSW

College, School, Division ARSC

Department Code SCWK

Current Code (6 digit Alpha) SCWKMS

Proposed Code (6 digit Alpha) _____
Prior approval from the Office of the Registrar is required.

Interdisciplinary Program

CIP Code **44.0701**
Prior assignment from Office of Institutional Research is required.

Proposed Name _____
When a program name is changed, enrollment of current students reflects the new name.

SECTION III: Add a New Program/Unit

For new program proposals, complete Sections II and VII and use as a cover sheet for a full program proposal as described in 'Criteria and Procedures for Preparing Proposals for New Programs in Arkansas.' ADHE
http://www.adhe.edu/divisions/academicaffairs/Pages/aa_academicproposals.aspx

Program proposal uses courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

SECTION IV: Eliminate an Existing Program/Unit

Code/Name _____ Effective Catalog Year _____

No new students admitted to program after Term: ____ Year: _____
Allow students in program to complete under this program until Term: ____ Year: _____

SECTION V: Proposed Changes to an Existing Program or Program Policies

Insert here a statement of the exact changes to be made: The School of Law and the School of Social Work will provide the opportunity for a dual degree in J.D. and M.S.W. Students in this dual program must be admitted both to the School of Law and the M.S.W. program. A maximum of 6 hours of approved, unner-level elective law courses may be used as credit toward

the M.S.W., and a maximum of 12 hours of approved graduate courses in Social Work may be used as credit toward the J.D. degree, reducing the time necessary to complete both degrees by about 1 academic year.

Check if either of these boxes apply and provide the necessary signature:

- Program change proposal adds courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____
- Program change proposal deletes courses offered by another academic college, and that college dean's office has been notified. The signature of the dean of that academic college is required here: _____

Check all the boxes that apply and complete the required sections of the form:

- Change of Name and Code (Complete only sections I, II, V and VII.)
- Change Course Requirements: (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Delivery Site/Method (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change Total Hours (Complete all sections of the form except "Proposed Name" in II, section III, and section IV.)
- Change in Program Policies

SECTION VI: Justification

Justify this change and state its likely effect on any other degree program (including those outside the school or college). Identify any program or program components (other than courses) to be eliminated if this program is implemented. (Program and course change forms must also be submitted for such related changes.)

The University of Arkansas was an early adopter of interdisciplinary work and continues to be a leader in interdisciplinary research, programs, and dual degree opportunities. Both students and faculty are drawn to interdisciplinary work as it provides a depth and breadth of research topics and projects and more accurately reflects current standards in the profession and the need for a more holistic approach to practice.

In keeping with this history, the School of Law and the School of Social Work have jointly developed a dual degree to prepare University of Arkansas students with combined skills in the professional practice of social work and law. The JD/MSW dual degree program is intended for persons who wish to combine social work knowledge and intervention skills with legal knowledge and practice skills to better serve their clients or constituencies. Graduates of this program will be ready to assume positions as leaders in law and social policy.

For example, a JD/MSW dual degree graduate may pursue a career as a public defender. While working on criminal matters, the public defender will inevitably be faced with clients whose issues exceed far beyond the confines of the case at hand. Current practice encourages client-centered, holistic representation. The JD/MSW dual degree graduate is trained not only to handle the criminal case but to identify these non-legal issues and connect clients to services that can meet those needs and hopefully reduce the possibility of future contact with the criminal justice system.

A JD/MSW dual degree graduate may also choose to work in the area of non-profit management. Social workers frequently staff non-profit agencies and are often chosen as leaders in the non-profit world, working as CEOs, Directors or Managers. JD/MSW dual degree graduates are particularly well suited for these leadership roles. Their social work training provides a deeper understanding of the work of the agency and client services, while their knowledge of the law assists them in making more informed decisions about policy, funding, human resources, and legislative advocacy.

The School of Law and the School of Social Work will provide the opportunity for a dual degree in J.D. and M.S.W. Students in this dual degree program must be admitted both to the School of Law and the M.S.W. program. A maximum of 6 hours of approved, upper-level elective law courses may be used as credit toward the M.S.W., and a maximum of 12 hours of approved graduate courses in Social Work may be used as credit toward the J.D. degree, reducing the time necessary to complete both degrees by about 1 academic year.

Program Objectives

- 1. To educate practitioners in social work and law to be able to effectively utilize the problem-solving strategies and techniques of both disciplines to the benefit of their clients, their colleagues, and the community.**
- 2. To provide the core curriculum necessary for the education of students in each profession while enabling them to focus on areas of knowledge and practice that correspond to their professional goals.**
- 3. To facilitate integration of the two disciplines through experiential learning opportunities.**
- 4. To promote a philosophy of interdisciplinary collaboration between law and social work professionals and create a**

4. To prepare practitioners who have a commitment to a human condition that is free from violence, oppression, and discrimination, and that protects and promotes the development of all people.

Fiscal Impact

No additional fiscal impact as a result of creating of this MSW/JD dual program is anticipated. Students will complete courses already in existence in both programs. No new courses will be created as a result of this proposal. As such, no new faculty lines or additional staff resources are requested at this time. Because the number of students admitted to each program is not expected to change, there will be no change in the number of students in class. Additionally, based on information from other established programs, no more than 2-3 students per year are expected to be admitted to the JD/MSW dual degree program.

SECTION VII: Catalog Text and Format

In the box below, insert the current catalog text which is to be changed, with changes highlighted with the color yellow. Include all proposed changes identified in Section V. Only changes explicitly stated in Section V will be considered for approval by the University Course and Programs Committee, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Senate. If you are proposing a new program, give proposed text with all of the elements listed below. If you are proposing modified text, include these elements as appropriate.

Include the following elements, in order, in the catalog text for proposed undergraduate program(s) or program changes:

- State complete major/program name
- Briefly define or describe the major/program or discipline.
- Identify typical career goals or paths for graduates. (Optional)
- State admission requirements (if any) for entry or entry into upper/advanced level of major/program.
- Identify location in catalog of university, college/school, and department/program requirements which the student must meet in addition to hours in the major, but do not restate these requirements.
- State course requirements in the major and any allied areas, giving number of hours and specific courses; specify electives or elective areas and give numbers of hours and courses in elective pools or categories; identify any other course requirements.
- State any other requirements (required GPA, internship, exit exam, project, thesis, etc.).
- Identify name and requirements for each concentration (if any).
- Specify whether a minor or other program component is allowed or required and provide details.
- State eight-semester plan requirements

For minors, state requirements in terms of hours, required courses, electives, etc.

For graduate program/units, include elements (as needed) parallel to those listed for undergraduate programs above.

For Law School program/units, prepare text consistent with current catalog style.

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Professional social workers promote human well-being by strengthening opportunities, resources, and capacities of people in their environments and by creating policies and services to correct conditions that limit human rights and the quality of life. The social work profession works to eliminate poverty, discrimination, and oppression. Guided by a person-in-environment perspective and respect for human diversity, the profession works to effect social and economic justice worldwide. The purpose of the graduate social work program at the University of Arkansas is to prepare advanced-level professional social workers as leader/practitioners with the capacity to address complex personal, social, community, and economic problems preventing so many of Arkansas' people (and people across the country and globally) from moving out of poverty to self-sufficiency. The M.S.W. program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE).

Areas of Study: The University of Arkansas M.S.W. program offers a multi-system life-course (MSLC) specialization. The multi-system life-course perspective prepares students for advanced social work practice with a range of systems (individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities) and for practice with individuals across the life course as they interact with multiple systems.

Primary Areas of Faculty Research: Healthy aging; human behavior and the social environment theory; gerontology; addictions; health and health disparities;

work history; women and asset development; children and families.

Admission Requirements: Admission to the University of Arkansas

Graduate School as well as admission to the School of Social Work M.S.W.

program is required. Admission requirements for the M.S.W. program include:

a baccalaureate degree with a liberal arts perspective from an accredited college or university (official transcripts must be provided); a minimum 3.00 undergraduate GPA on a four-point scale; 2.75 for conditional admission; a personal statement of motivation for and experiences supporting admission to the MSW program; a social needs paper that discusses a current social need that is of concern and interest to you; three professional reference letters (faculty, employers, supervisors); a basic statistics course; and computer literacy demonstrated through prior course work. Applicants with a GPA between 2.5-2.99 for the last 60 hours of their most recent undergraduate degree are required to complete the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or Millers Analogies Test (MAT) and to submit GRE/MAT scores to the Graduate School. In addition to the above requirements, for admission to the Advanced Standing program, applicants must have a bachelor's degree in social work, received during the past six years, from a school accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

Two-year Program Option: This option is available for students without a baccalaureate degree from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Students in the two-year option must successfully complete a total of 63 credit hours. The following are required Foundation courses: SCWK 4073, 4093, 4103, 4153, 4333, 4343, 4733, 5003, 5013, 5412, 5434. The following are required Advanced courses: SCWK 5073, 6000L, 6003, 6013, 6073, 6442, 6444, 6452, and 6454.

Three-year Extended Program Option: This option is available for students without a baccalaureate degree from a program accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). Students in the three-year extended program must successfully complete a total of 63 credit hours. The following are required foundation courses: SCWK 4073, 4093, 4103, 4153, 4333, 4343, 4733, 5003, 5013, 5412, 5434. The following are required advanced courses: SCWK 5073, 6000L, 6003, 6013, 6073, 6442, 6444, 6452, and 6454. Please note that the three-year extended program accepts students every other year (e.g. Fall 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, etc.)

Advanced Standing Option: Students with a baccalaureate degree from a program accredited by CSWE are eligible to apply for Advanced Standing. This option requires a total of 39 credit hours including SCWK 5013, 5442, 5444, and the advanced course work listed above for the two- and three-year options.

Electives:* Each student is required to successfully complete two electives (6 credit hours). Electives are chosen in consultation with and with approval from the student's major faculty adviser. Students may enroll in electives from outside the School of Social Work, with faculty adviser approval. Graduate social work electives include: SCWK 5143, 5153, 5163, 5173, 5183, 5193, 5213, 5253, and 5343.

* Elective topics often change from semester to semester based on faculty expertise and student interest. Therefore, it is not possible to guarantee specific electives.

Other Requirements: M.S.W. students are required to complete a capstone paper and presentation. The capstone project is a research experience in the area of practice/program evaluation, guided and evaluated by a panel of faculty and senior social work practitioners from the community. Students may also choose, with faculty approval, to complete a thesis. The thesis option is guided by the student's thesis committee, resulting in a final paper and oral defense. Both options are completed in conjunction with the three-hour Research and Technology course.

[J.D./M.S.W. \(Dual Degree\)](#)

[The Department of Social Work and the School of Law cooperate in offering a dual degree program that allows a student to pursue the M.S.W. and the J.D. degrees concurrently in order to achieve the following program objectives:](#)

1. To educate practitioners in social work and law to be able to effectively utilize the problem-solving strategies and techniques of both disciplines to the benefit of their clients, their colleagues, and the community.
2. To provide the core curriculum necessary for the education of students in each profession while enabling them to focus on areas of knowledge and practice that correspond to their professional goals.
3. To facilitate integration of the two disciplines through experiential learning opportunities.
4. To promote a philosophy of interdisciplinary collaboration between law and social work professionals and create a collaborative learning environment.
5. To prepare practitioners who have a commitment to a human condition that is free from violence, oppression, and discrimination, and that protects and promotes the development of all people.

The J.D./M.S.W. dual degree is awarded after completion of a four year integrated course of study. This eliminates approximately one year of study, while meeting all accreditation requirements of the American Bar Association and Council on Social Work Education.

Upon completion of the dual degree, students have earned a total of 135 credit hours (as opposed to 153 credit hours if the degrees are earned separately). A total of 12 hours credit earned in the M.S.W. program count toward completion of the J.D. degree. A total of 6 hours credit earned in the J.D. program count toward completion of the M.S.W. degree. In order to receive dual credit, minimum grade standards for each program must be met.

Students who do not maintain the academic or ethical standards of either degree program may be terminated from the dual degree program. Students in good standing in one degree program but not the other may be allowed to continue in the program in which they have good standing and must meet the degree requirements of that program. If for any reason a student admitted to the dual degree program does not complete the M.S.W. degree, the student cannot count the 12 hours of M.S.W. courses toward the J.D. degree. If for any reason a student admitted to the dual degree program does not complete the J.D. degree, the elective policy for the School of Social Work applies.

To be eligible for admission to the J.D./M.S.W. Dual Degree Program, students must apply separately and be admitted to the Master's Program at the School of Social Work, to the Juris Doctor Program at the School of Law, and to the joint program. As such, applicants must meet all of the requirements for admission to each program. Upon application to the JD/MSW dual degree, the applicant shall provide a statement of intent for admission that includes a brief explanation of the reasons for pursuing this dual degree program as well as goals upon completion of the program. Each degree will be conferred when the student has met all the requirements of that degree.

Should a student enter one program and later become aware of the availability of the joint program, the student must be admitted to both programs and to the joint program during his or her first year of class work in the program of original enrollment.

SECTION VIII: Action Recorded by Registrar's Office

PROGRAM INVENTORY/DARS

PGRM _____ SUBJ _____ CIP _____ CRTS _____
 DGRE _____ PGCT _____ OFFC&CRTY VALID _____

REPORTING CODES

PROG. DEF. _____ REQ. DEF. _____
 Initials _____ Date _____

Distribution

Notification to:

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