

JD/MSW Program

Website: <https://law.wustl.edu/academics/jd-degree-program-overview/joint-jd-msw-degree/>

Degree Requirements

JD/MSW

Credit Requirements

Dual-degree JD/MSW students are required to complete 125 credits between both schools. The majority of the credits (77) must be law credits; the remaining credits (48) must be taken in social work. Overall, dual-degree students save themselves from having to complete 15 additional credits by completing this program. An even greater benefit is that students are able to transfer credits from one school to fulfill the degree requirements of the other school. For example, 9 social work credits count toward the JD; 12 law credits count toward the MSW. Please visit the School of Law website for the JD requirements.

Total required for the JD/MSW degree: 125 credits

Program	Credit hours required
Law	77
Transferred from Social Work	9
Total JD Degree	86
Social Work	48
Transferred from Law	12
Total MSW Degree	60

Program Structure

Since students can start in either school, there is no set structure to the dual-degree program. The following chart provides an example of how a typical dual-degree JD/MSW student's program will be structured. Most of this sample structure can be modified, especially the layout of the summers.

It should be noted that one of the most time-consuming requirements is completing the social work practicum hours. The Brown School requires students to complete 8 credit hours of practica (960 hours). Thus, many students find the need to spend the bulk of two of their three graduate school summers doing practica, in addition to completing some practicum hours during the year. Most students will also take some summer courses during at least one summer of the program.

Year of Program	Starting in Law	Starting in Social Work
1st Year	1L year - all 1L law courses	All social work (mostly core) courses
1st Summer	Legal Internship	Social Work Practicum
2nd Year	Mostly (or all) social work courses	1L year - all 1L law courses
2nd Summer	Social work practicum; 1 or 2 summer courses	Legal internship and/or social work practicum
3rd Year	Assorted courses (mostly law)	Assorted courses (mostly law)
3rd Summer	Social work practicum	Social work practicum; 1 or 2 summer courses
4th Year	Assorted courses (mostly law)	Assorted courses (mostly law)

Every student's plan of study is slightly different, depending on the student's individual preferences. Some students prefer to load up their courses during the year so that they can do an additional summer legal internship. Others might participate in several time-intensive activities (e.g., trial or moot court teams, the D.C. clinic, a journal, a legal clinic), which may prevent them from taking heavy course loads and thereby causing them to rely more heavily on their summers as a time to earn credit.

Students entering the program with a bachelor's degree in social work will have slightly different program requirements. Email Brown School admissions at brownadmissions@wustl.edu and the Law and Social Work Society at washulawandsocialwork@gmail.com for more information.

Additional Program Requirements

- JD Degree Requirement Information