

# DUAL DEGREE OPTION: MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES/MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

## Purpose Statement

An increasing number of graduate students are called to Christian vocation in community ministry that is informed by their faith and grounded in Christian theology and scripture. The Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work (MDiv/MSW) dual degree program provides theological education and advanced social work knowledge and skills. Some students are not seeking to achieve the advanced competencies offered by the MDiv degree, and/or they may not have the time needed to meet all of the requirements of the MDiv/MSW degree program. The MTS/MSW dual degree program provides these students with an opportunity to prepare for community ministry through mastery of advanced social work knowledge and practice that is grounded in foundational Christian theology, Scriptures, traditions, and missions and witness.

## Admission

For admission to the dual degree program, candidates must apply and be accepted by both Truett Seminary's Master of Theological Studies program and the Waco campus of the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work MSW program.

## Master of Theological Studies/Master of Social Work Degree

Code	Title	Hours
<b>DUAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</b>		
<i>MTS TOTAL HOURS</i>		<i>48</i>
Credits completed for the MTS Degree		48
<i>MSW TOTAL HOURS (STANDARD PROGRAM)</i>		<i>58</i>
Credits completed for the MSW Degree		55
Credits shared from the MTS Degree		3
TOTAL NON-REPEATING HOURS (STANDARD PROGRAM)		103
<i>MSW TOTAL HOURS (ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM)</i>		<i>30</i>
Credits completed for the MSW Degree		27
Credits shared from the MTS Degree		3
TOTAL NON-REPEATING HOURS (ADVANCED STANDING PROGRAM)		75

Please see the George W. Truett Theological Seminary Catalog (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/truett-theological-seminary/master-degrees/master-theological-studies-mts/mts-msw/#requirementstext>) to review the MTS degree plan. Please review the Standard MSW Degree (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/school-social-work/master-social-work-waco/msw-curriculum-degree-plans/master-social-work-standard/#requirementstext>) plan and the Advanced Standing MSW Degree (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/school-social-work/master-social-work-waco/msw-curriculum-degree-plans/master-social-work-advanced-standing/#requirementstext>) plan for additional details.

## Technicalities

The MTS degree consists of 48 course credit hours. The MSW degree can be earned through two programs, the standard two-year program (58 course credit hours) and the advanced standing program (30 course credit hours). In the proposed dual degree program, three hours from the MTS degree will be counted toward the standard two-year MSW program requirements, and three from the MTS degree will be counted toward the advanced-standing MSW program requirements.

Dual degree students should verify seminary program requirements with Truett Seminary and social work requirements with the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work program manager.