

DUAL DEGREE: 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.

Degree Requirements

MTS Curriculum

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Requirements | | |
| <i>Core Curriculum</i> | | |
| Spiritual Formation: | | |
| PRTH 7101 | Spiritual Formation I | 1 |
| PRTH 7102 | Spiritual Formation II | 1 |
| PRTH 7103 | Spiritual Formation III | 1 |
| PRTH 7004 | Spiritual Formation Retreat | 0 |
| Introductory Courses: ¹ | | |
| THEO 7340 | Introduction to Christian Scriptures | 3 |
| THEO 7341 | Introduction to Christian History and Theology | 3 |
| Christian Scriptures: | | |
| THEO 7370 | Christian Scriptures I | 3 |
| THEO 7372 | Christian Scriptures II | 3 |
| THEO 7371 | Christian Scriptures III | 3 |
| THEO 7373 | Christian Scriptures IV | 3 |
| Christian Theology: | | |
| THEO 7360 | Christian Texts and Traditions I | 3 |
| THEO 7361 | Christian Texts and Traditions II | 3 |
| THEO 7362 | Christian Texts and Traditions III | 3 |
| THEO 7396 | The Baptist Identity | 3 |
| THEO 7382 | Constructive Theology | 3 |
| <i>Electives</i> | | |
| Select twelve credit hours from the following: * | | 12 |
| THEO 7346 | New Testament Greek I | |

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| THEO 7347 | New Testament Greek II |
| THEO 7356 | Hebrew I |
| THEO 7357 | Hebrew II |
| THEO 7V48 | Greek Language Readings |
| THEO 7V54 | Hebrew Language Readings |
| THEO 7V74 | Old Testament Readings |
| THEO 7375 | New Testament Readings |
| THEO 7320 | Studies in Systematic Theology |
| THEO 7364 | Studies in Historical Theology |
| THEO 7380 | Studies in Christian Ethics |

Total Hours 48

* Other courses may be considered with approval from the Director of Academic Services and the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.
¹ These are required courses; however, based upon previous academic experience, students may petition to waive or substitute these courses. Introductory courses are waived from the degree plan by passing an advanced standing exam (see the Advanced Standing Policy (<https://catalog.baylor.edu/truett-theological-seminary/academic-regulations/#advanced>)).

MSW Curriculum (standard)

Year 1

| Fall | Hours |
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| SWO 5320 Human Diversity & Social Justice | 3 |
| SWO 5351 Human Behavior Theory: Person & Environment | 3 |
| SWO 5361 Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families | 3 |
| SWO 5491 Foundation Internship I | 4 |
| Hours | 13 |

Spring

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| SWO 5362 Social Work Practice with Groups | 3 |
| SWO 5363 Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations | 3 |
| SWO 5322 Social Policy For Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SWO 5381 Research for Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SWO 5492 Foundation Internship II | 4 |
| Hours | 16 |

Year 2

Fall

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| SWO 5338 Clinical Diagnosis in Social Work or SWO 5335 or Theoretical Frameworks for Community Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SWO 5370 Clinical Social Work Practice I or SWO 5375 or Community Social Work Practice I | 3 |
| SWO 5382 Clinical Evaluation for Practice or SWO 5384 Improvement or Program Evaluation for Practice Improvement | 3 |
| SWO 5494 Part I Advanced Internship | 4 |
| Select one course from the following: | 3 |

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| SWO 5323 Organizational Leadership & Management | |
| SWO 5376 Health Practice & Policy | |

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| SWO 5377 | Social Work Practice & Advocacy with Children & Families | |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Spring | | |
| SWO 5380 or SWO 5378 | Clinical Social Work Practice II or Community Social Work Practice II | 3 |
| SWO 5490 | Part II Advanced Internship | 4 |
| SWO 5395 | Capstone Seminar | 3 |
| Credits shared from the MTS Degree: | | 3 |
| Hours | | 13 |
| Total Hours | | 58 |

MSW Curriculum (advanced standing)**Year 1**

| Fall | | Hours |
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| SWO 5338 or SWO 5335 | Clinical Diagnosis in Social Work or Theoretical Frameworks for Community Social Work Practice | 3 |
| SWO 5370 or SWO 5375 | Clinical Social Work Practice I or Community Social Work Practice I | 3 |
| SWO 5382 or SWO 5384 | Clinical Evaluation for Practice Improvement or Program Evaluation for Practice Improvement | 3 |
| SWO 5494 | Part I Advanced Internship | 4 |
| Select one course from the following: | | 3 |
| SWO 5323 | Organizational Leadership & Management | |
| SWO 5376 | Health Practice & Policy | |
| SWO 5377 | Social Work Practice & Advocacy with Children & Families | |
| Hours | | 16 |

Spring

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| SWO 5380 or SWO 5378 | Clinical Social Work Practice II or Community Social Work Practice II | 3 |
| SWO 5490 | Part II Advanced Internship | 4 |
| SWO 5395 | Capstone Seminar | 3 |
| Credits shared from the MTS Degree: | | 3 |
| Hours | | 13 |
| Total Hours | | 29 |

Master of Theological Studies/Master of Social Work Degree

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| DUAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS | | |
| <i>MTS TOTAL HOURS</i> | | <i>48</i> |
| Credits completed for the MTS Degree | | 48 |
| <i>MSW TOTAL HOURS (standard)</i> | | <i>58</i> |
| Credits completed for the MSW Degree | | 55 |
| Credits shared from the MTS Degree | | 3 |
| TOTAL NON-REPEATING HOURS (standard) | | 103 |
| <i>MSW TOTAL HOURS (advanced standing)</i> | | <i>29</i> |
| Credits completed for the MSW Degree | | 26 |

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| Credits shared from the MTS Degree | 3 |
| TOTAL NON-REPEATING HOURS (advanced standing) | 74 |

Technicalities

The MTS degree consists of 48 course credit hours. The MSW degree can be earned through two programs, the standard two year program and the advanced standing program.

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.

For further information regarding the Master of Social Work degree, consult Baylor University's Diana R. Garland School of Social Work Catalog or contact:

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