

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

## 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 personal resources to meet all of 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 Social Work program.

## Degree Requirements

### MTS Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Requirements</b>		
<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: <sup>1</sup>		
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	

THEO 7347	New Testament Greek II
THEO 7356	Hebrew 1
THEO 7357	Hebrew 2
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.

<sup>1</sup> 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)

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
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	
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>58</b>

**MSW Curriculum (advanced standing)**

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
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	
<b>Hours</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>29</b>

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

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

Credits shared from the MTS Degree	3
<b>TOTAL NON-REPEATING HOURS (advanced standing)</b>	<b>74</b>

**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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