

## **DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY SERVICES (MS/MSW)**

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This joint program between the Department of Human and Community Development (HCD) and the School of Social Work (SSW) involves approximately 3 years of course work. Students earn two degrees: MS and MSW. The MS degree is in HCD with a concentration in Marriage and Family Services. The MSW is an accredited Master of Social Work degree.

Upon graduation, Dual Degree students:

--Will be eligible to take the Licensed Social Work (LSW) exam. See the Association of Social Work Boards website for further information about the LSW exam ([www.aswb.org](http://www.aswb.org)).

--May be eligible to apply for an Illinois state license in Marriage and Family Therapy. For a list of requirements, see the Illinois Marriage and Family Licensing Act at (<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/068012830000300R.html>).

--May meet the standards for membership in the American Association for the Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). See the AAMFT website for further information (<http://www.aamft.org/membership/membcat.asp>).

Dual Degree students spend their 1<sup>st</sup> year registered in HCD, and complete the requirements of the MS in HCD with a concentration in Marriage and Family Services. Years 2 and 3, Dual Degree students are registered in the SSW and must complete 52-60 hours of SSW coursework, which includes an internship. **The Dual Degree is awarded simultaneously when requirements for both the MS and MSW are met.** Dual Degree students are expected to complete both degrees in 3 years (including summers).

A thesis is optional for Dual Degree students. Students who want to complete a thesis as part of their MS degree should consult with Dr. Connie Shapiro, Chair ([chshapir@uiuc.edu](mailto:chshapir@uiuc.edu)). Students completing a thesis must take 8 hours of thesis credits (HCD 599). They will then be exempt from SW 532 (Research Seminar).

Click here for the MS degree checklist.

MSW degree requirements are in the SSW's *MSW Handbook* ([http://www.socialwork.uiuc.edu/current\\_students/MSW\\_campus.html](http://www.socialwork.uiuc.edu/current_students/MSW_campus.html)). Students in the Dual Degree program must choose a specialization once enrolled in Social Work. The specializations are: Child Welfare, Community Mental Health, Health Care or School Social Work. There are specific requirements for each specialization that are outlined in the *MSW Handbook*. Dual Degree students will meet individually with the Assistant Dean Martha Cooper ([mlcooper@uiuc.edu](mailto:mlcooper@uiuc.edu)) early in the program to discuss their professional goals, identify a specialization, and create an academic plan including potential course work and internship interests.