How To Apply

1. Visit the Florida State University College of Law Office of Admissions to obtain a joint graduate pathway application and necessary documents for the College of Social Work.
2. Complete the documentation.
3. Do not send or have documents sent to the College of Social Work. All documents must be returned to the College of Law Office of Admissions before May 1st of the 1L year.

Applicants will need to:

1. Complete the graduate application at: https://admissions.fsu.edu/gradapp/ for the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.). Please note that all supporting documents must be submitted to College of Law Office of Admissions.
2. Provide a completed Joint Graduate Pathway Application form.
3. Provide an updated legal resume.
4. Have GRE scores on file with the Florida State University. The College of Social Work will waive the GRE requirement for current College of Law students or for applicants who meet the College of Social Work's GRE waiver requirement at: http://csw.fsu.edu/academics/master-of-social-work/admissions-information.

The College of Law and the College of Social Work joint graduate pathway in law and social work, J.D./M.S.W., permits the completion of both programs concurrently. Current law students must meet with and submit all documents for admission to the College of Law Joint Graduate Pathway Coordinator before May 1st of their first year of law school. The College of Law Joint Graduate Pathway Coordinator will then submit their completed packet to the College of Law and the College of Social Work for approval. Any student who has completed M.S.W. coursework prior to matriculating to the College of Law, or who wishes to apply for the joint graduate pathway after beginning their second year of law school, must obtain prior written approval from the College of Law before applying for the joint graduate pathway.

Applicants to the M.S.W. program must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and an upper division (junior and senior) grade point average of 3.0 or better. Applicants should contact the College of Social Work to obtain specific information on the necessary GRE requirement. The College of Social Work will waive the GRE requirement for current College of Law students.

Specific J.D. degree requirements can be found online at www.law.fsu.edu.
Conferring of Degrees

Students in joint graduate pathways receive both degrees concurrently. Students may not be certified as a graduate without having completed the graduation requirements in the College of Law and the College of Social Work. There would need to be access to both an attorney and a M.S.W. supervisor at the internship site. Students who choose the Children's Advocacy Clinic for their internship may not take the course for law school credit.

The required shared credit courses for individuals pursuing either Clinical option (Traditional or Advanced) are:

- SOW 5125 Psychopathology in Clinical Practice (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (3 hours)
- SOW 5432 Evaluation of Social Work Practice (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (3 hours)
- LAW 5700 Torts (From the J.D. curriculum) (4 hours)
- LAW 7710 Family Law (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)

The required shared credit courses for individuals pursuing either Social Work Leadership option (Traditional or Advanced) are:

- SOW 5238 Advanced Policy Analysis (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (3 hours)
- SOW 5334 Organizational and Community System Change (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (3 hours)
- SOW 5377 Personnel Administration in Social Services (From the M.S.W. curriculum) (3 hours)
- LAW 5700 Torts (From the J.D. curriculum) (4 hours)
- LAW 7710 Family Law (From the J.D. curriculum) (3 hours)

Note on Shared Credit: Because a joint graduate pathway allows a student to complete each curriculum by taking fewer hours overall, each program will require that certain courses be taken from the other curriculum to cover the number of hours reduced from their respective curriculum. These courses are part of the respective program’s curriculum and are not counted toward the credit requirement for the other curriculum. They may or may not be included in the normal core requirements of the respective program’s curriculum.

Questions

The joint graduate pathway must be completed within seven years, although most students complete the program in four years.

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