

UMass Law and Bridgewater State University
JD/MSW Program Recommended Curriculum
Full-Time, Starting in MSW Program

First Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	First Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
SCWK 500 Policy I: Social Welfare Policy		3	SCWK 508 Policy II Policy Advoc. Dev. & Analysis		3
SCWK 502 Dynamics of Diversity & Oppression		3	SCWK 511 Human Behav. in Soc. Envt. II		3
SCWK 510 Human Behav. in Soc. Envt. I		3	SCWK 540 Introductory Social Research		3
SCWK 530 Social Work Practice I		3	SCWK 531 Social Work Practice II		3
SCWK 590 Field Practice & Seminar I		3	SCWK 591 Field Practice & Seminar II		3
Totals	0	15	Totals	0	15

Second Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	Second Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
LAW 545 Civil Procedure I	3		LAW 546 Civil Procedure II	3	
LAW 540 Contracts I	3		LAW 541 Contracts II	3	
LAW 510 Legal Skills I	3		LAW 511 Legal Skills II	3	
LAW 530 Property I	3		LAW 531 Property II	3	
LAW 515 Torts I	3		LAW 516 Torts II	3	
LAW 500 Academic Skills Lab	0				
Totals	15	0	Totals	15	0

Third Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	Third Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
LAW 525 Professional Responsibility	3		SCWK 572 Social Policy III: Health Care Policy	3	3
SCWK 541 Research: Evaluating Practice		3	LAW 556 Constitutional Law II	3	
LAW 555 Constitutional Law I	3		LAW 521 Criminal Procedure	3	
LAW 520 Criminal Law	3		LAW 580 Trusts & Estates	4	
LAW 512 Legal Skills III	3		LAW 576 Evidence	3	
Totals	12	3	Totals	16	3

Fourth Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	Fourth Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
SCWK 592 Field Practice III		4	SCWK 593 Field Practice IV		4
SCWK 551 Social Work Practice IV	3	3	SCWK 550 Social Work Practice III	3	3
SCWK 512 Human Behav. in Soc. Envt. III		3	LAW 658 Family Law	3	3
LAW [Elective, approved by MSW]	3	3	LAW [Code Course]	4	
LAW [Practice Course]	3				
Totals	9	13	Totals	10	10

Fifth Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
LAW 694 Bar Preparation	3	
LAW [Field Placement/Clinic]	3	
LAW [Elective, approved by MSW]	3	3
LAW [Elective w/ Upper Level Writing]	2	
LAW [Elective]	2	
Totals	13	3

Note: Gray shaded courses must be taken in the semesters shown. Students may accelerate the program by taking summer courses.

JD Credits 90

JD courses that count toward MSW.

MSW courses that count toward JD.

MSW Credits 62

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First Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	First Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
LAW 545 Civil Procedure I	3		LAW 546 Civil Procedure II	3	
LAW 540 Contracts I	3		LAW 541 Contracts II	3	
LAW 510 Legal Skills I	3		LAW 511 Legal Skills II	3	
LAW 530 Property I	3		LAW 531 Property II	3	
LAW 515 Torts I	3		LAW 516 Torts II	3	
LAW 500 Academic Skills Lab	0				
Totals	15	0	Totals	15	0

Second Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	Second Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
SCWK 500 Policy I: Social Welfare Policy		3	SCWK 508 Policy II Policy Advoc. Dev. & Analysis		3
SCWK 502 Dynamics of Diversity & Oppression		3	SCWK 511 Human Behav. in Soc. Envt. II		3
SCWK 510 Human Behav. in Soc. Envt. I		3	SCWK 540 Introductory Social Research		3
SCWK 530 Social Work Practice I		3	SCWK 531 Social Work Practice II		3
SCWK 590 Field Practice & Seminar I		3	SCWK 591 Field Practice & Seminar II		3
Totals	0	15	Totals	0	15

Third Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	Third Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
LAW 525 Professional Responsibility	3		SCWK 572 Social Policy III: Health Care Policy	3	3
SCWK 541 Research: Evaluating Practice		3	LAW 556 Constitutional Law II	3	
LAW 555 Constitutional Law I	3		LAW 521 Criminal Procedure	3	
LAW 520 Criminal Law	3		LAW 580 Trusts & Estates	4	
LAW 512 Legal Skills III	3		LAW 576 Evidence	3	
Totals	12	3	Totals	16	3

Fourth Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	Fourth Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
SCWK 592 Field Practice III		4	SCWK 593 Field Practice IV		4
SCWK 551 Social Work Practice IV	3	3	SCWK 550 Social Work Practice III	3	3
SCWK 512 Human Behav. in Soc. Envt. III		3	LAW 658 Family Law	3	3
LAW [Elective, approved by MSW]	3	3	LAW [Code Course]	4	
LAW [Practice Course]	3				
Totals	9	13	Totals	10	10

Fifth Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
LAW 694 Bar Preparation	3	
LAW [Field Placement/Clinic]	3	
LAW [Elective, approved by MSW]	3	3
LAW [Elective w/Upper Level Writing]	2	
LAW [Elective]	2	
Totals	13	3

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Part-Time, Starting in MSW Program

First Year Fall			First Year Spring		
Cr.	cr.		Cr.	cr.	
		3			3
		3			3
		3			3
Totals	0	9	Totals	0	9

Second Year Fall			Second Year Spring		
Cr.	cr.		Cr.	cr.	
		3			3
		3			3
		3			3
Totals	0	9	Totals	0	9

Third Year Fall			Third Year Spring		
Cr.	cr.		Cr.	cr.	
		3			3
		3			3
		3			3
		0			
Totals	9	0	Totals	9	0

Third Year Summer		
Cr.	cr.	
		3
Totals	3	0

Fourth Year Fall			Fourth Year Spring		
Cr.	cr.		Cr.	cr.	
		3			3
		3			3
		3			3
Totals	9	0	Totals	9	0

Fourth Year Summer		
Cr.	cr.	
		3
Totals	3	0

Fifth Year Fall			Fifth Year Spring		
Cr.	cr.		Cr.	cr.	
		3			3
		3			3
		3			3
		3			3
Totals	9	3	Totals	9	3

Fifth Year Summer		
Cr.	cr.	
		3
Totals	3	0

Sixth Year Fall			Sixth Year Spring		
Cr.	cr.		Cr.	cr.	
		4			3
		3			3
		4			4
Totals	7	7	Totals	6	10

Sixth Year Summer		
Cr.	cr.	
		4
Totals	4	0

Seventh Year Fall		
Cr.	cr.	
		3
		4
		3
Totals	10	3

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JD courses that count toward MSW.

MSW courses that count toward JD.

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Part-Time, Starting in JD Program

First Year Fall	Cr.	cr.	First Year Spring	Cr.	cr.	First Year Summer	Cr.	cr.
LAW 510 Legal Skills I	3		LAW 511 Legal Skills II	3		LAW 525 Professional Responsibility	3	
LAW 530 Property I	3		LAW 531 Property II	3				
LAW 515 Torts I	3		LAW 515 Torts II	3				
LAW 500 Academic Skills Lab	0							
Totals	9	0	Totals	9	0	Totals	3	0

Second Year Fall	Cr.	cr.	Second Year Spring	Cr.	cr.	Second Year Summer	Cr.	cr.
LAW 545 Civil Procedure I	3		LAW 546 Criminal Procedure II	3				
LAW 520 Criminal Law I	3		LAW 521 Criminal Procedure	3				
LAW 540 Contracts I	3		LAW 541 Contracts II	3				
Totals	9	0	Totals	9	0	Totals	0	0

Third Year Fall	Cr.	cr.	Third Year Spring	Cr.	cr.	Third Year Summer	Cr.	cr.
SCWK 500 Policy I: Soc. Wel. Policy		3	SCWK 508 Policy II Policy Advoc.		3			
SCWK 502 Dynamics of Div. & Opp.		3	SCWK 511 Human Behav./Soc. Emt. II		3			
SCWK 510 Human Behav./Soc. Emt. I		3	LAW [Elective, approved by MSW]	3	3			
Totals	0	9	Totals	3	9	Totals	0	0

Fourth Year Fall	Cr.	cr.	Fourth Year Spring	Cr.	cr.	Fourth Year Summer	Cr.	cr.
SCWK 530 Soc. Work Practice I		3	SCWK 531 Soc. Work Practice II		3	LAW [Practice course]	3	
SCWK 540 Introductory Social Research		3	SCWK 541 Research: Eval. Practice		3			
SCWK 590 Field Practice & Sem. I		3	SCWK 591 Field Practice & Sem. II		3			
Totals	0	9	Totals	0	9	Totals	3	0

Fifth Year Fall	Cr.	cr.	Fifth Year Spring	Cr.	cr.	Fifth Year Summer	Cr.	cr.
LAW 555 Constitutional Law I	3		LAW 556 Constitutional Law II	3		LAW [Elective w/ Upper Level Writing]	3	
LAW 512 Legal Skills III	3		LAW 576 Evidence	3				
SCWK 572 Social Policy III	3	3	SCWK 512 Hum. Behav./Soc. Emt. III		3			
Totals	9	3	Totals	6	3	Totals	3	0

Sixth Year Fall	Cr.	cr.	Sixth Year Spring	Cr.	cr.	Sixth Year Summer	Cr.	cr.
LAW 585 Trusts and Estates	4		LAW 658 Family Law	3	3	LAW 639 Field Placement	4	
SCWK 551 Social Work Practice IV	3	3	SCWK 550 Social Work Practice III	3	3			
SCWK 592 Field Practice III		4	SCWK 593 Field Practice IV		4			
Totals	7	7	Totals	6	10	Totals	4	0

Seventh Year Fall	Cr.	cr.
LAW 694 Bar Preparation	3	
LAW [Code Course]	4	
LAW [Elective, approved by MSW]	3	3
Totals	10	3

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JD courses that count toward MSW.

MSW courses that count toward JD.

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MSW Cr. 62

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 JD/MSW Program Recommended Curriculum
 MSW Advanced Standing, Full-Time, Starting in JD Program

First Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	First Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
LAW 545 Civil Procedure I	3		LAW 546 Civil Procedure II	3	
LAW 540 Contracts I	3		LAW 541 Contracts II	3	
LAW 510 Legal Skills I	3		LAW 511 Legal Skills II	3	
LAW 530 Property I	3		LAW 531 Property II	3	
LAW 515 Torts I	3		LAW 516 Torts II	3	
LAW 500 Academic Skills Lab	0				
Totals	15	0	Totals	15	0

Second Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	Second Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
SCWK 502 Dynamics of Diversity and Oppression		3	SCWK 531 Social Work Practice II		3
SCWK 512 Human Behav./Soc. Evt. III		3	SCWK 572 Social Policy III		3
LAW 555 Constitutional Law I	3		LAW 521 Criminal Procedure	3	
LAW 520 Criminal Law	3		LAW 580 Trusts & Estates	4	
LAW 512 Legal Skills III	3		LAW 576 Evidence	3	
Totals	9	6	Totals	10	6

Third Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.	Third Year Spring	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
SCWK 541 Research: Evaluating Practice	3	3	SCWK 550 Social Work Practice III	3	3
SCWK 551 Social Work Practice IV	3	3	SCWK 593 Field Practice IV		4
SCWK 592 Field Practice III		4	LAW 658 Family Law	3	3
LAW [Elective, approved by MSW]	3	3	LAW [Practice Course]	3	
LAW 525 Professional Responsibility	3		LAW [Elective w/ Upper Level Writing]	3	
LAW [Elective]	2		LAW [Elective]	2	
Totals	14	13	Totals	14	10

Fourth Year Fall	JD Cr.	MSW Cr.
LAW 694 Bar Preparation	3	
LAW [Field Placement/Clinic]	3	
LAW [Elective]	3	
LAW [Code Course]	4	
Totals	13	0

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JD Credits 90

JD courses that count toward MSW.

MSW courses that count toward JD.

MSW Credits 35

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JD/MSW Program Curriculum Notes

1. Under ABA Standards, JD programs may not accept credits from non-JD programs until the student has matriculated in law school. Thus, although a student may commence either JD or MSW studies first, joint degree students must complete the first year of the JD before enrolling in any MSW course for which the student will seek transfer credit toward the JD degree. Students may vary from the recommended curriculum in ways that are consistent with the joint degree program guidelines and the program requirements of each degree program. Students may take no more than 30 credits of online courses during their JD course of study, and may take no more than 10 credits of online courses during the first one-third of their JD study.
2. The JD program requires that students complete 90 credits including all required courses (see the JD curriculum for a complete list) as well as a Code course (3 credits), two Foundation courses (6 credits), and two Practice courses (6 credits). Students may complete the Code, Foundation, and Practice requirements in any semester after the first year (for full-time students) or second year (for part-time students). Students must also complete a Clinic or Field Placement, and those credits will count toward the Practice requirement.
3. The JD program requires all students to satisfy the Upper-Level Writing Requirement (minimum 2 credits) in any semester after the first year (for full-time students) or second year (for part-time students). Students may satisfy the requirement with courses specifically designated as upper-level writing courses or as part of an Independent Legal Research project. Students are strongly encouraged to complete this requirement prior to their final semester.
4. The MSW program requires that students complete 62 credits, including 53 credits of required courses and 9 credits of electives. Candidates who have earned a BSW or BA/BS in social work degree from a Council on Social Work Education-accredited program within six years of application to the MSW program may apply for the Advanced Standing Option. Advanced standing option students complete 35 credits, including 29 credits in required courses and six credits of electives, including SCWK 580 Special Topics or an equivalent course in another department, which must be preapproved by the candidate's advisor and program coordinator. Advanced standing option students in the JD/MSW program should use up to six credits of the JD courses listed below to satisfy their MSW electives.
5. The MSW program accepts up to nine credits of the following JD courses (or up to six credits for advanced standing option students): LAW 658 Family Law; LAW 705 Family Law Practice; LAW 653 Domestic Violence Law; LAW 672 Landlord/Tenant Law; LAW 652 Education Law; LAW 689 Elder Law; and LAW 771 Special Education Law. (Not all courses run every year, so students should consult the JD program for projected course scheduling.) In addition, a joint degree program student who has taken only two of the above listed courses may seek approval from the MSW program to enroll in a different law school course to fulfill the elective requirement.
6. The JD program accepts up to nine credits of the following MSW courses: SCWK 541 Research: Evaluating Practice; SCWK 572 Social Policy III: Mental and Physical Health Care Policy; SCWK 551 Social Work Practice III; and 550 Social Work Practice IV.
7. Students enrolled in the JD program may not take more than 16 credits in a fall or spring semester without prior approval from the associate dean, and may not take more than 18 credits in a fall or spring semester under any circumstances. JD students may not take more than 6 credits in the summer without prior approval from the associate dean, and may not take more than 9 credits in the summer under any circumstances. The per-semester credit totals include both JD courses and MSW courses.
8. Students must complete all JD program requirements no later than 84 months after matriculation in the JD program.