Social Work/Public Health


Students can earn a Master of Social Work (http://ssw.missouri.edu/msw.html) (MSW) and a Master of Public Health (http://publichealth.missouri.edu) (MPH) with an emphasis in Health Promotion and Policy (http://publichealth.missouri.edu/programs_health_promo_pol.php). Graduates of the dual degree will be well-positioned to find employment as a health policy advocate, health agency administrator or in an integrated behavioral health setting as a care managers, health coach, patient advocate, counselor, or team leader. Students pursuing dual degrees must be independently admitted to each program. Only Regular Standing (http://ssw.missouri.edu/msw_options.html) (RS), full-time MSW students (both clinical or PP&A concentration) will be admitted to the program.

The dual degree reduces total student credit hours by 24-27 credits and reduces the length of study by one academic year. If completed separately, students would be required to complete 105 credit hours (60 credit hours for RS MSW; 45 credit hours for MPH). Students completing both degrees will be required to complete 78-81 credit hours, with 51-54 of those being discipline specific (18 MPH and 33 [PP&A]; 36 [Clinical] MSW) and 27 credits shared between the two programs. Students will complete the both degree programs in 7 semesters, including one summer session. Please see our sample plans of study (http://ssw.missouri.edu/msw_studyplans.html#dual).

Students will apply separately to each program and be admitted to both programs before they are accepted as a dual degree student. Students may apply at any point before beginning graduate school or during the first year of either program. MPH students applying for the MSW program (http://ssw.missouri.edu/mswapp.html) must submit their MSW application no later than April 15th (http://ssw.missouri.edu/msw_deadlines.html#dual) of their first year of study but early application submission is encouraged. MSW students applying for the MPH program must submit their MPH application (http://publichealth.missouri.edu) by December 1st of their first year. Once accepted into both programs, the student must complete the Intent to Complete MSW/MPH Dual Degree form (http://ssw.missouri.edu/docs/msw/dualDegree.pdf).

The advisor for the MSW/MPH Dual Degree program participants will be a faculty member with a joint appointment in both the MSW and MPH Programs. If a faculty member with a joint appointment is not available for advising, the student will be appointed a separate advisor for both degree programs. In cases where student difficulties are experienced that require advisory services other than that available from the advisor, the School of Social Work’s formal student advisory process will be followed.

Up to eight hours of transfer credit (http://ssw.missouri.edu/msw_coursecredit.html#dual) may be applied as follows: to one of the two degree programs, or divided between the two degree programs per the advisor(s) and program directors' decision. The eight hours of transfer credit will not be applied separately to each degree program.

Credit requirements, shared hours, and curriculum focus conform to the requirements of the MU Graduate School, the national accrediting body for graduate education in public health (CEPH), and the national accrediting body for graduate education in social work (CSWE). The capstone and internship will satisfy the requirements of both programs and will focus on the intersection of subject matter between social work and public health.

Faculty

Faculty for the Social Work/Public Health dual degree are housed in other departments.

Undergraduate

While MU does not offer undergraduate degrees specifically in social work/public health, the University does offer a dual graduate degree in the subject, as well as baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degree opportunities in a number of related areas in the other Schools and Colleges that make up the University. The catalog provides a complete list of these degree options (http://catalog.missouri.edu/degreesanddegreeprograms).

Graduate

• MSW/MPH in Social Work/Public Health (http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/interdisciplinaryacademicprograms/socwkphlth/mswmpph-sw-ph)

The MSW/MPH in Social Work and Public Health will provide the student with solid preparation in each discipline, as well as a deeper understanding of the ways in which the two disciplines overlap through shared coursework. Graduates of the dual degree will be well-positioned to find employment as a health policy advocate, health agency administrator or in an integrated behavioral health setting as a case manager, health coach, patient advocate, counselor, or team leader.

Students will apply for admission separately to each program.

Courses

Courses for the dual social work and public health program are pulled from other academic areas, including Social Work (http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/soc_wk), Public Health (http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/p_hlth), Nursing (http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/nurse), and Health Professions (http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings/hth_pr). A cumulative list of all MU courses (http://catalog.missouri.edu/courseofferings) is also available.