

SOCIAL WORK/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MSW/MPA)

Master of Social Work/Master of Public Administration

This program is offered in the AU Online format.

Program Description

The Dual Master of Social Work/Master of Public Administration (MSW/MPA) program is designed to enable graduate students to expand the scope of their studies and simultaneously pursue the MSW and MPA degrees. Government, public sector, nonprofit, and social service agencies are in need of social work professionals who also have the skills, knowledge and ability to expertly lead. To meet such a need, the School of Social Work and MPA program have teamed to provide MSW students who are earning the Leadership Administration track an opportunity to simultaneously earn their MPA degree.

Students in the program will receive substantial public administration education that compliments their social work education and will prepare them for administrative leadership roles in social service. The program also maintains the integrity of both the MSW and MPA degrees and makes the dual degree attainable at 54 semester hours (with advanced social work standing) or 84 hours (without advanced social work standing). Students must meet the requirements of the MSW program for admission, will be jointly advised by the Social Work and MPA programs, and will be billed a hybrid tuition rate.

The foundation of the MSW/MPA dual degree program is the MSW curriculum. Students who complete the MSW Leadership Administration track* (which is composed of three MBA and MPA courses totaling nine semester hours) may apply those hours to their MPA studies as well. Students must successfully complete all MSW and MBA/MPA courses in order to graduate with both degrees.

Program Requirements - Master of Social Work

Code	Title	Credits
Generalist Curriculum		
Social Welfare		
SWK-6140	Social Welfare Policy and Institutions	3
Human Behavior and Social Environment		
SWK-6180	HBSE I: Building Professional Social Work Competence	3
SWK-6185	HBSE II: Theories of Human Development II: Life Course Development	3
Social Work Practice Theory and Methods		
SWK-6370	Social Work Practice With Individuals and Families	3
SWK-6381	Social Work Practice With Groups	3
SWK-6382	Social Work Practice With Communities and Organizations	3
Research		
SWK-6250	Social Work Research Methods	3
Generalist Field Instruction		

SWK-6730	Field Instruction I: Generalist Internship	3
SWK-6740	Field Instruction II: Generalist Internship	3
Specialization Curriculum		
Social Work Practice and Policy		
SWK-6500	Social Work Perspectives on Psychopathology	3
SWK-6511	Evidence-Based Clinical Social Work Practice	3
SWK-6521	Psychotherapy in Clinical Social Work Practice	3
SWK-6533	Advanced Social Policy	3
SWK-6575	Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity in Social Work Practice	3
Advanced Field Instruction		
SWK-6750	Field Instruction III	3
SWK-6760	Field Instruction IV	3
Social Work Elective		
Select 3 semester hours of SWK coursework:		3
Leadership Administration Track Courses ¹		
MBA-6030	Leadership and Organizational Behavior ²	3
MBA-6200	Human Resource Management ²	3
MPA-6350	Nonprofit Management and Leadership ²	3
Total Credits		60

¹ Must obtain a "B" or higher in all track courses

² Students who complete the MSW Leadership Administration track (which is composed of MBA-6030 Leadership and Organizational Behavior, MBA-6200 Human Resource Management, MPA-6350 Nonprofit Management and Leadership) totaling nine semester hours) may apply those hours to their MBA studies as well.

Program Requirements - Master of Public Administration

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
MBA-6030	Leadership and Organizational Behavior ¹	3
MBA-6130	Economics	3
MPA-6110	Administration of Public Institutions	3
MBA-6200	Human Resource Management ¹	3
MPA-6120	Public Policy and Analysis	3
MPA-6130	Government and Community Relations	3
MPA-6140	Public Finance and Budgeting	3
MPA-6170	Applied Research, Insights, and Evaluation	3
MPA-6200	Advanced Seminar in Applied Public Administration	3
MPA-6350	Nonprofit Management and Leadership ¹	3
MPA-6360	Grant Writing, Philanthropy, and Advancement	3

¹ Students who complete MBA-6030 Leadership and Organizational Behavior, MBA-6200 Human Resource Management, MPA-6350 Nonprofit Management and Leadership (totaling nine semester hours)

may apply those hours to their the MSW Leadership Administration track.

out additional methodological training as it pertains to career opportunities.

Graduate Degree Requirements

1. Completion of all coursework specified by the graduate program.
2. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or higher if specified by the graduate program.
3. Submission of all pre-graduation materials required by the graduate program.
4. Acceptance of thesis or other required final project by the graduate program.
5. Submission of two copies of approved thesis or project in a specified form together with payment of binding fee where applicable.
6. Submission of Application for Graduation and payment of any graduation fees assessed by the university.
7. In the case of certification programs, submission of all governmental forms.
8. Residency Requirement: A minimum of 25% percent of the total credits required for the completion of the graduate degree or post-baccalaureate certificate or credential must be earned at Aurora University. Individual programs may establish more extensive residency requirements, including requirements that specific coursework be completed at Aurora University.

Learning Outcomes

Master of Social Work

Students will:

- Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior
- Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice
- Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice
- Engage in Practice-Informed Research and Research-Informed Practice
- Engage in Policy Practice
- Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
- Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

Master of Public Administration

1. Students will experience professional development and demonstrate personal progress in professional comportment. Students have identified professional development as an area they are weak in and are interested in learning more.
2. Students will gain professional experience working on real-world problems in order to build skills and competency for working in the public sphere. Students want coursework that is grounded in reality or practical public sector problems.
3. Students will demonstrate master's-level competency in critical thinking and data analysis by learning to evaluate programs, use statistical software, and solve problems. Students have sought