

College of Social Work  
Department of Political Science  
MPA/MSW Dual Degree Program  
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The University of Utah's College of Social Work and the Department of Political Science have adopted the following program to enable students to pursue both an MSW degree and an MPA degree simultaneously. Students enrolled in the dual degree program may apply up to 12 credit hours of coursework completed in the College of Social Work (CSW) towards fulfillment of the 42 credit-hour requirement for the MPA degree. Likewise, they may count up to 9 credit hours of MPA coursework towards fulfilling the 60 credit-hour requirement of the MSW degree. This option eliminates up to 21 hours that would be required for completing the two programs separately. Because of this overall reduction in credit requirements for both degrees, a student enrolled full-time in the dual degree program can expect to complete the two degrees in approximately six semesters of full-time study. A student enrolled in the Dual Degree Program must complete all MSW and all MPA requirements before either degree will be awarded.

Upon completion of both programs, the student earns two separate degrees, an MSW degree awarded by the College of Social Work, and an MPA degree awarded by the Department of Political Science. Applicants interested in this program must submit separate admission applications to the College of Social Work and to the MPA Program. Each program has its own independent admissions standards, and admission to one program does not ensure admission to the other. In order to achieve the maximum benefit (saving 21 credit hours) in the dual degree program, applicants should apply to both programs in the same year for fall admission.

Note: The MPA is conferred by the Department of Political Science and administered through the Center for Public Policy and Administration located in Orson Spencer Hall, Room 214. Phone: 581-6781.