MSW/MSG

USC Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work
USC Davis School of Gerontology

DUAL DEGREE
Curriculum Snapshot

The MSW/MSG dual degree requires completion of **77** units: **45** units in Social Work and **32** units in Gerontology. MSW students in the AMHW, SCI, or Military tracks, as well as students who do not opt into a track, are eligible. Note: The dual degree is awarded when requirements for both programs are fulfilled.

The following course sequence represents the requirements for the **Master of Social Work.**

Fall 1: 15 units

SOWK 506: Human Behavior and the Social Environment	(3 Units)
SOWK 510: Professional Self-Care in Integrative Social Work Practice	(3 Units)
SOWK 523: Foundations of Integrative Social Work Practice I	(3 Units)
SOWK 630: Self-Awareness and Intercultural Humility in Social Work	(3 Units)
SOWK 591: Applied Learning in Practicum Education I	(3 Units)

Spring 1: 15 units

SOWK 511: Critical Decision Making in ISW Practice	(3 Units)
SOWK 525: Foundations of Integrative Social Work Practice II	(3 Units)
SOWK 536: Policy and Advocacy in Professional Social Work	(3 Units)
SOWK 546: Science of Social Work	(3 Units)
SOWK 593: Applied Learning in Practicum Education II	(3 Units)

Fall 2: 9 units

SOWK 6XX Advanced ISW Practice I (see attached Track courses)	(3 Units)
SOWK 6XX: Integrative Social Work Assessment/Evaluation/Research (see attached Track courses)	(3 Units)
SOWK 691: Applied Learning in Practicum Education III	(3 Units)

Spring 2: 6 units

SOWK 6XX: Advanced ISW Practice II (see attached Track courses)	(3 Units)
SOWK 693: Applied Learning in Practicum Education IV	(3 Units)

The following are required for the **Master of Science in Gerontology.**

GERO 506: Technological Innovations in Aging	(4 Units)
GERO 508: The Mind & Body Connection through the Life Span	(4 Units)
OR	
GERO 510: Physiology of Development and Aging	
GERO 520: Life Span Developmental Psychology	(4 Units)
GERO 530: Life Span Developmental Sociology	(4 Units)
GERO 540: Social Policy and Aging	(4 Units)
3 GERO Electives	(12 Units)

LIST OF 2nd YEAR REQUIRED SOWK COURSES BY OPTIONAL TRACK *

Please note that course, track, and certificate offerings are contingent upon a range of factors, including but not limited to enrollment, program and placement capacity, faculty expertise and availability, scheduling considerations, workforce needs, and accreditation requirements. As a result, offerings cannot be guaranteed and may be adjusted or cancelled if necessary. Additionally, if applicable, subsequent course(s) within a track or certificate may not be offered in all future terms.

For dual degree students, it is recommended that students do not select an optional track to maintain flexibility in taking available courses. For those seeking a dual degree with PPSC, please consult the PPSC team for more specific guidelines and requirements.

*Students who do **not** opt into an optional track can select any 2 practice courses and any 1 research course from the track course listings.
*Dual degree students are **not** required to take the 3-unit elective in the MSW program. For AMHW & CYF optional tracks, this means the diagnostics course (i.e., SOWK 612 or 677) is not required, although that course is highly recommended for those intending to pursue licensure.

Adult Mental Health & Wellness (AMHW):
SOWK 643 Advanced ISW Practice I: Adult Mental Health and Wellness
SOWK 608 Research and Evaluation in Integrative Social Work Practice
SOWK 647 Advanced ISW Practice II: Adult Mental Health and Wellness
(*SOWK 612 Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Disorders is NOT REQUIRED)*

Social Change and Innovation (SCI)
SOWK 639 Policy Advocacy and Social Change
SOWK 665 Grant Writing and Program Development for Social Workers
SOWK 648 Management and Organizational Development for Social Workers