

Joint MSW (Wurzweiler) /JD (Cardozo) Program

The disciplines of law and social work overlap significantly. While there are lawyers who operate wholly outside the world of social work, and (somewhat fewer) social workers whose work is wholly outside the world of law, many of those in each profession find themselves in frequent contact with the other. Each has much to learn from the other. For certain students, training in both disciplines will be invaluable professional preparation. The M.S.W./J.D. program enhances educational opportunities for its students and increases the cross-fertilization and intellectual growth that comes from contact across disciplines. Through the course of study outlined herein, candidates are able to earn both the J.D. and the M.S.W. degrees in four years.

Candidates for the joint M.S.W./J.D. degree program must apply to and be admitted by both Schools separately. It is preferable that the application be made to both programs simultaneously; a student already at one of the Schools may apply to the other during the student's first year. Admission to one School does not guarantee admission to the other, although it may be a factor strengthening the application.

During the first two years of study, the student completes the first-year program at each school in turn. During each of the remaining four semesters, they may divide their coursework between the two schools, to be consistent with the academic regulations of each school.

Designated Cardozo courses, totaling no more than 10 credits, may be counted toward the MSW degree and similarly, 10 credits of designated Wurzweiler courses may be counted toward the J.D. degree. Cardozo students may take no more than a total of 16 credits per semester.

As curricula vary from year to year, it is not practical to set out a comprehensive list of courses that qualify for joint credit. The Dean's Office at each School will make case-by-case determinations in individual cases. However, joint credit shall be given at least for the following courses:

Wurzweiler courses applicable to the J.D.

Administration
Advanced Administration
Child and Family Welfare
Community Mental Health
Cultural Diversity
Immigration
Law and Social Work
Psychosocial Pathology
Substance Abuse

A maximum of two of the following courses are applicable to the JD:

Family Systems
Gerontology
Jewish Social Philosophy
Social Welfare Policy
Social Work Practice with Trauma and Interpersonal Violence
Social Work Practice with Veterans
Values and Ethics

Cardozo courses counting toward the M.S.W.

Bioethics and the Law
Criminal Justice and Society Colloquium
Dispute Resolution Processes
Divorce Mediation
Domestic Violence and Child Abuse
Education Law
Equitable Distribution
Family Law
Health Law
Insurance Law
Jewish Law and Contemporary Legal Issues
Medical Malpractice
Negotiation Theories and Skills
Non-Profit Governance
Psychoanalysis and the Law
Public Health Law and Policy
Representation in Mediation
Reproduction policy and Law
Rights of Prisoners and Detainees
Sexual Orientation, Gender & Law
Technology Human Rights and Equality

In addition, relevant and appropriate internship/externship experiences at or arranged through Cardozo that are conducted under the supervision of a social worker will earn credits toward the Wurzweiler fieldwork requirement. Similarly, Wurzweiler fieldwork placements may qualify as internships earning clinical credit at Cardozo if they are conducted under the supervision of an attorney and meet the other requirements for internship credit.