



Social workers are increasingly in demand to fill administrative positions and lead nonprofit agencies, but may not always have the business skills and experience required for optimal success in today's competitive economy. The MSW/MBA dual degree program at St. Ambrose blends the systemic thinking skills inherent in a social work perspective with the management and analytical skills needed to lead a complex nonprofit organization that delivers quality services.

## **MSW Goals and Objectives**

It is the mission of the St. Ambrose University School of Social Work to prepare competent and ethical social work professionals who advocate a just society.

Consistent with the purposes of social work and Catholic Social Teaching, the St. Ambrose University School of Social Work seeks to advance the well-being of people, to promote social and economic justice and to protect human rights. Emphasizing client system empowerment, the School prepares graduates to practice competently, ethically and with critical understanding of diversity, human behavior and social contexts.

Students acquire a comprehensive knowledge base, practice skills, and ethical standards for professional practice. These competencies enable graduates to provide resources and opportunities for people to live with dignity and freedom in their transactions with each other and social institutions locally, nationally, and globally.

The SAU Master of Social Work program prepares empowerment social workers to use a life-long praxis process in order to ensure collaborative, client-centered, multi-level, contextualized practice. Empowerment social workers promote professional social work and advocate for social, economic and environmental justice.

## **MBA Goals and Objectives**

The mission of the H.L. McLaughlin MBA program is to provide broad and practical level business education and skills, with an emphasis on social responsibility. Faculty focus on student learning, preparing graduates to understand the complexities of business and solve diverse business problems.

## **Program Highlights**

- > Full- and part-time opportunities
- > Small classes
- > Online learning options
- > Focus on a wide range of practical skills for maximum career flexibility
- > 81 total credit hours for the dual degree

**Application Procedure** Students must apply to and be accepted by both programs separately. Apply to MSW Program first. Typical curriculum would be: Year 1 – MSW; Year 2 – MBA; Year 3 – MSW.

## Admission Requirements

### Master of Social Work

- > Application guidelines at [www.sau.edu/msw](http://www.sau.edu/msw)
- > Official transcripts from all institutions(s) of enrollment
- > Social Work application
- > Three letters of reference
- > Personal statement

### Master of Business Administration

- > Application for admission at [www.sau.edu/apply](http://www.sau.edu/apply)
- > Official transcripts from all institution(s) of enrollment
- > Professional résumé
- > Three references contact information
- > GMAT is waived due to Master's classes taken

## Curriculum

### Year 1 FALL SEMESTER

MSW 510	Generalist Practice I	3
MSW 601	Field Seminar I	1
MSW 610	Human Behavior Theories (articulated MBA 621)	3
MSW 710	SW Research Design (articulated MBA elective)	3
MSW 810	Social Welfare Policy	2
MSW 591	Field Instruction I	3
Total semesters hours		15

### Year 1 SPRING SEMESTER

MSW 520	Generalist Practice II	3
MSW 602	Field Seminar II	1
MSW 620*	Diversity and Social Systems (articulated MBA elective)	3
MSW 720*	SW Program Evaluation (articulated MBA elective)	3
MSW 820	Social Policy Analysis	2
MSW 592	Field Instruction II	3
Total semester hours		15

### Year 2 FALL SEMESTER

MBA 600	Data Analysis for Decision Making	3
MBA 606	Accounting for Managers	3
MBA 615	Ethical and Social Responsibility	3
MBA 621	(3 credit hours from MSW 610)	
MBA 626	Managerial Economics	3
Total semester hours		12

### Year 2 SPRING SEMESTER

MBA 680	Marketing Management	3
MBA 741	Fundraising and Resource Development	3
MBA 800	Strategic Management (articulated MSW elective)	3
Total semester hours		12
3 electives (9 credits) for MBA, articulated from MSW: MSW 710, MSW 620, MSW 720		

### Year 3 FALL SEMESTER

MSW 530	Empowerment Practice I	3
MSW 870	Management in Human Services (elective)	3
		(credit in MBA articulated)
MSW***	Elective (MBA 800 Strategic Management articulated)	3
MSW 593	Field Instruction III	4
MSW 603	Field Seminar III: Social Work Ethics	2
Total semester hours		15

### Year 3 SPRING SEMESTER

MSW 540	Empowerment Practice II	3
MSW ***	Elective	3
MSW 604	Field Seminar IV: Ethical Decision Making	2
MSW 594	Field Instruction IV	4
Total semester hours		12

**Financial Assistance** The St. Ambrose University Office for Financial Aid provides information on loans for graduate studies. In addition, the College of Business has a limited number of research assistantships available.

**International Students** Visa holders are subject to federal nonimmigrant laws that vary based on visa type. For information on admission requirements and academic guidelines for specific visa types, contact International Admissions at [international@sau.edu](mailto:international@sau.edu).

## For Further Information

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