



Information for Prospective Students Interested in the MSW/MPH Joint Degree Program

Thank you for expressing interest in the Master of Social Work/Master of Public Health (MSW/MPH) joint degree program. For a basic overview of the joint degree program please consult the websites of the Jane Addams College of Social Work as well as the UIC School of Public Health for more information. Here are the links:

<https://socialwork.uic.edu/academics/joint-mswmp-program-overview/>

<http://publichealth.uic.edu/academics/degrees> and <http://publichealth.uic.edu/academics/joint-degrees>

Enrollment in the joint degree program is recommended for full-time students only. Although there are other options for you, most students begin the joint degree in the MSW program. Your first step would be to apply to the MSW program and to enroll. During the first year of MSW classes you would apply for admission into the MPH program and into whichever MPH Division you have interest. Since you will already be enrolled at UIC at this time you will be able to apply to the MPH through an expedited process--not the usual SOPHAS process as described on the SPH website. You will need to take the GRE in order to apply for admission to the MPH program.

Once admitted to the MPH, during year 2 of your studies at UIC you would take your courses in public health and then in year 3 you would return to social work and take the remaining concentration year courses for the MSW as well as any remaining MPH coursework. Several of the courses you take in social work and in public health would be shared by both degrees thus reducing the overall number of credits you take. During the third year of study you would also complete an internship that would be designed to meet your MSW concentration year field placement requirement as well as the MPH practicum requirement. After year 3 you will be done with the MSW requirements and will then finish any not yet completed MPH course requirements. With proper advising most full-time students are able to complete both programs in three years.

Lastly, it is important to note that tuition for the joint degree varies by year depending on where you are primarily studying. Here is the listing for this year: <https://registrar.uic.edu/tuition/grad/index.html>.

Active academic advising is crucial for students in the joint degree to ensure the proper sequencing of courses. Associate Professor Christopher Mitchell is the social work contact for the joint degree and is the MSW advisor for all joint degree students. Joint degree students also have an academic advisor in the MPH program.

This provides a basic overview of the application process and course of study. If you have additional questions please contact Dr. Mitchell at cgm@uic.edu or at (312) 996-8509.



Information for Full-time MSW Students Currently Enrolled in Year 1 of the MSW Program

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Enrollment in the joint degree program is recommended for full-time students only. The program is designed for students to begin classes in the MSW program during year 1 so you are on track. During this first year of classes you will apply for admission into the MPH program and into whichever MPH Division you have interest. Since you are already enrolled at UIC you can apply to the MPH through an expedited process--not the usual SOPHAS process as described on the SPH website. You will need to take the GRE in order to apply for admission to the MPH program. Once you have taken the GRE and your scores have been sent to the School of Public Health you need to complete the Request for Change of Graduate Program form. The form is available here:

http://grad.uic.edu/sites/default/files/legacy/pdfs/form_Chprfrm3.pdf. On this form you complete just the top section (do not complete the section that asks for program codes). In addition to this form you need also to submit: 1) an updated resume, and 2) a two-page personal statement explaining why you are interested in public health and the joint degree. Once have all three items submit them to Dr. Christopher Mitchell in Room 4214 ETMSW or Faculty Mailbox #28. He will then collect the materials you submitted for your MSW application (e.g. transcripts, letters of reference) make copies and send the entire file over to the admissions office in public health. Applicants are strongly urged to complete the GRE and to submit all materials to Dr. Mitchell by **December 1**.

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Information for Prospective Advanced Standing Students Interested in the MSW/MPH Joint Degree Program

Note: Applicants who hold a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) degree and are interested in the MSW/MPH Program are strongly urged to contact faculty advisor Dr. Christopher Mitchell at cgm@uic.edu as early as possible prior to starting the application process.

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Enrollment in the joint degree program is recommended for full-time students only. **As a prospective MSW Advanced Standing student interested in the joint degree you must start your studies in the MPH Program.**

Information on applying to the MPH is available here: <http://publichealth.uic.edu/admissions>

During year 1 of your studies you complete much of the MPH coursework. In year 2 you continue with MPH coursework and you commence your MSW advanced standing coursework in whichever MSW concentration you choose. Some MPH coursework you take can be shared and counted towards your MSW electives. During this year you will also complete a field placement/internship that would be designed to meet your MSW concentration year field placement requirement as well as the MPH practicum requirement.

Lastly, it is important to note that tuition for the joint degree varies by year depending on where you are primarily studying. Here is the listing for this year: <https://registrar.uic.edu/tuition/grad/index.html> .

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