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
> 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
> 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 semester 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
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 .................................................
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.

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