JD/MSW Degree Requirements
Master of Social Work

The School of Social Work (SSW) at Western Michigan University (WMU) and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School (TMCLS) are pleased to offer the cooperative delivery of a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree on their respective campuses. The dual degree program allows students to complete both degrees in a shorter amount of time than pursuing each degree independently. Prospective students must apply to both programs independently and be admitted according to each school’s admission criteria. The program requirements, policies, and financial aid of each school apply when a student is doing course work in that school.

**JD Program Requirements:**
Cooley students must complete a total of 90 credit hours and maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.0. Of the 90 hours, 63 are required and a minimum GPA of 2.0 must be maintained. The required courses are designed to prepare students to successfully pass the bar and enter practice in any jurisdiction in the United States. The remaining classwork consists of 27 hours of electives, allowing students to focus their electives in their chosen area of practice. For more information visit cooley.edu.

**WMU MSW Degree Requirements:**
The MSW program prepares students for direct service and leadership positions in social work. The curriculum is highly structured and sequential, offering students foundational knowledge upon which they can further choose a concentration of knowledge, skills and values in Interpersonal Practice or Policy, Planning, and Administration. The 60 hour MSW degree can be pursued on a full time or an extended study basis. Applicants with a Bachelor of Social work degree can apply for advanced standing in the program. Students can be matriculated at the Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, or Benton Harbor Campuses.