



Human Development & Family Science Social Work Dual Degree

Frequently Asked Questions

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE DUAL DEGREE

How does the Dual Degree Work?

You will get two different degrees from two different universities:

NDSU: Transcript & Diploma in either the HDFFS Family Science Option or Adult Development and Aging Option.

MiSU: Transcript & Diploma in Social Work (B.S.W.)

All necessary Social Work courses are delivered by Minot State University Social Work faculty in either a face-to-face, online, or Interactive Video format.

How long does this program take?

The dual degree program is designed to be completed in four years with 127 credit hours for those students who choose this option when they enter college (some students may need to take additional credits to meet NDSU general education requirements). Students who change majors and have not had the dual degree as their four-year plan may need one or more additional semesters to complete the program. See page eight for the suggested curriculum rotation.

Can I be licensed to practice Social Work?

Students completing the BSW program will be eligible to be licensed to practice Social Work in North Dakota. See page six for more information.

Who do I talk to about this program?

You may contact the people who are named on the front of this handbook. Also, Amber Lonski (the academic advisor for HDFFS freshmen and sophomores) can answer questions about the dual degree program (amber.lonski@ndsu.edu, 701-231-9849). Once you declare the dual degree as your major, you will be assigned an advisor in HDFFS and an advisor in Social Work.

Can I just get the Social Work degree without the HDFFS Degree?

The MiSU Social Work degree on the NDSU campus is only offered if a student also completes the NDSU HDFFS degree.

Can I register for only MiSU courses?

No, students must register for at least one NDSU credit each fall, spring, or summer session that they are enrolled in the program.

Note: Students enrolled in MSU SWK 490: Field Education, are **automatically** enrolled in one HDFFS Field Education credit. This allows NDSU students to have access to NDSU services while completing their internships with MiSU. ***This process is done automatically, and students do not have to pay for this credit.***

Is there an additional cost for the Program?

During the semesters you are only taking NDSU courses (generally freshman year), you will pay full time NDSU tuition and fees.

Once you start MiSU courses, you will begin paying the per-credit-hour tuition and fee rate at each institution depending on how many credits you are taking at each school.

Per credit tuition and fee information can be found at:

NDSU: http://www.ndsu.edu/admission/cost_tuition/cost/

MiSU: http://www.minotstateu.edu/busoffic/student_info.shtml under Tuition & Fees.

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

Steps I need to take?

1. After you have been admitted to NDSU, schedule an appointment with NDSU HDFS advisor Amber Lonski.
2. After admission to NDSU, and before taking your first social work class, apply to Minot State University at this link (where requested, indicate you are a transfer student):
<https://minotstate.askadmissions.net/emtinterestpage.aspx?ip=application>
3. Your North Dakota University System (NDUS) transcripts can be retrieved by Minot State University as long as you do not have any holds preventing that action.
4. Request ALL other final official college transcripts be sent to Minot State University.

Other Institutions' Official Transcripts:

For all other higher education institutions, you have attended (including college credits you transferred from high school) you will need to go to the institutions' websites and find out how to request official transcripts. (Tip: Put "official transcript" in the specific college's search box.)

Have ALL official transcripts sent DIRECTLY to this MiSU address:

MSU Enrollment Services
500 University Ave West
Minot, ND 58707

How do I register for courses?

You will register for **NDSU** courses on Campus Connection.

To register for **MiSU** courses, make an appointment with your social work advisor to plan your course schedule. While meeting with them you will complete and sign a “Collaborative Registration Form” which will be sent to MiSU to register you for Social Work courses.

To verify enrollment at both institutions you will:

- Login to Campus Connection
- Click on MANAGE CLASSES
- Click on MY WEEKLY SCHEDULE
- Change the dates to view the appropriate term

Which school will I pay?

You will pay tuition for all four years through the NDSU Business office. NDSU will take care of reimbursing the MiSU portion of your tuition & fees to Minot State.

Will my financial aid count at both schools?

Yes. **Federal** financial aid will work as it normally does. However, you should check with NDSU Student Financial Services as to whether particular scholarships and tuition waivers will cover both the MiSU and NDSU tuition and fee charges.

What are the requirements for admission into the MiSU Social Work Program?

A student must meet the following criteria to be considered for admission to the MiSU Social Work Program:

1. Successful completion of SWK 250 and SWK 256
2. Enrollment in or successful completion of SWK 330 (you will apply to the Social Work Program while taking SWK 330)
3. A minimum cumulative NDSU GPA of 2.0
4. A minimum SWK GPA of 2.5 (SWK 250 & 256 used for GPA calculation)
5. Successful completion of ENGL 110 and 120, BIO 111+lab (or BIO 126+lab or BIO 150+lab or BIO 220+lab), POLS 115 or 215, SOC 110, PSYCH 111, ECON 105, 201 or 202)
6. Successful completion and documentation (time log) of 25 hours of volunteer experience during the SWK 250 class (credit is NOT granted for previous life, work, or volunteer experience)
7. Satisfactory evaluation from the SWK 250 volunteer supervisor
8. Completed self-evaluation from SWK 250 volunteer experience
9. Demonstration of skills necessary for professional human interaction
10. Completion and submission of the social work application packet

If the applicant is denied admission due to academic or non-academic issues, the applicant may reapply once the issue has been satisfactorily addressed.

For more information regarding admission and continuance in the MiSU Social Work Program please contact the Fargo Site Coordinator, Dr. Amy Phillips, at amy.phillips.1@minotstateu.edu

What should I know if I am a transfer student or upper level HDFS student?

Transfers to NDSU or HDFS students who have completed many of the Adult Development and Aging or Family Science requirements may wish to add the Social Work option. In this instance, the student should bring a transcript to EML 277 and meet with Joel Hektner (HDFS) to create a plan for their progression through the dual degree curriculum.

Transfer students must apply for admission to Minot State University (see page four above) and submit official transcripts to the MiSU Records Office from each college/university previously attended. For information about admission to Minot State University and the MiSU Social Work Program, please contact the Fargo Site Coordinator, Dr. Amy Phillips, at amy.phillips.1@minotstateu.edu

CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

General Education Requirements

The NDSU and MiSU Registrars Offices have the final authority to decide on all general education requirements, waivers, and exceptions. In cases where particular dual degree requirements also serve to meet general education requirements, they are listed on the Suggested Curriculum Rotation (page eight). Students are also encouraged to ask advisors about general education classes that might be of particular interest to them.

Social Work Transfer Credits & Course Substitutions

Transfer students must apply for admission to Minot State University (see page four above) and submit official transcripts to the MiSU Records Office from each college/university previously attended. Upon receipt of all transcripts, the MiSU Records Office will determine which credits will transfer to MiSU.

Evaluation of credits from social work programs at other universities as they apply to the MiSU Social Work major is done in consultation with the student's assigned social work advisor at the Fargo site. The Social Work Program Director reviews course substitution requests submitted by the Fargo social work advisor in accordance with the MSU Course Equivalency and Course Substitution Policy:

<http://catalog.minotstateu.edu/undergraduate/academicinformation/equivalencysubstitution/>

What does it take to get a social work license in ND?

First, you must graduate from a program that is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The MiSU social work program is accredited by CSWE. Graduates will apply for licensure by going to the North Dakota Board of Social Work Examiners' website at www.ndbswe.com. Once you download an application packet from the NDBSWE website, you will complete and submit the application

and fee. The application must be signed in the presence of a Notary Public which you can find at most banks and at the NDSU "One Stop." As part of the application process, MiSU will verify that all Social Work degree requirements have been met. You will have to submit fingerprints, as well as sign permission for an FBI and Bureau of Criminal Investigation background check, as well as a background check from the North Dakota Department of Human Services. There is a charge for getting your fingerprints taken, and a charge for the BCI/FBI check.

Having something on your background check does not automatically make you ineligible for licensure; but if you have offenses, you will be asked to provide information on the offense, as well as the outcome of your court experience.

Once you have submitted the required information, you will be allowed to register to take the ASWB exam, for which there is a fee. After you pass the exam, getting the actual license from the NDBSWE will cost an additional fee. (All fee information can be found at www.ndbswe.com).

Human Development and Family Science & Social Work Suggested Dual Degree Curriculum Rotation 2020-2021

North Dakota State University					Minot State University						
FRESHMAN											
	FALL	Cr		SPRING	Cr		FALL	Cr		SPRING	Cr
ENGL 110 ¹	College Composition I	4	COMM 110	Fund. Of Public Speaking	3						
HDE 189	Skills for Academic Success	1	ENGL 120	Composition II	3						
HDFS 242	Couples, Marriages, & Families	3	POLS 115 or 215	American Government	3						
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3	SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3						
Science	Science/Technology Elective	3	HDFS 230	Life Span Development	3						
Math 103 or 104 ¹	College Algebra or Finite Math	3									
TOTAL		17			15			0			0
SOPHOMOR											
	FALL	Cr		SPRING	Cr		FALL	Cr		SPRING	Cr
BIOL 111, 126, 150, or 220 w/ lab	Concepts of Biol, Human Biol, Gen Biol, or A&P w/ lab	4	HDFS Option	Family or Aging ³	3	SWK 250	Interpersonal Skills	3	SWK 330	Human Behavior & the Social Environment	3
HDFS 250 ²	Intro to Research Methods	3	PHIL101, 210, or 215	Philosophy	3						
Psych 212	Psych Aspects of Drugs	3	ECON	105, 201, or 202	3	SWK 256	Development of Social Welfare	3	SWK 335	Methods I (Generalist Practice with Individuals)	3
			CSCI or MIS	CSCI 114 or MIS 116	3						
TOTAL		10			12			6			6
JUNIOR											
	FALL	Cr		SPRING	Cr		FALL	Cr		SPRING	Cr
HDFS elective	300-400-level elective	3	STAT 330	Introduction to Statistics	3	SWK 331	Family Dynamics	3	SWK 426	Methods II (Groups)	3
HDFS 275	Diversity & Multiculturalism	3	HDFS Elective	Any level HDFS Elective	3						
PSYC 270	Abnormal Psychology	3	HDFS Option	Family or Aging ³	3	SWK	Directed Elective ⁴	3	SWK	Directed Elective ⁴	3
Humanities	Humanities Gen Ed	3	HSE 320	Professional Issues	1						
TOTAL		12			10			6			6
SENIOR											
	FALL	Cr		SPRING	Cr		FALL	Cr		SPRING	Cr
HDFS Option	Family or Aging ³	3	HDFS 496 ⁵	Field Experience	1						
ENGL 320, 325, 358, 459	Upper level English	3				SWK 427	Methods III (Comm. & Orgs.)	3	SWK 490 ⁵	Field Education	12
HDFS 353 ²	Children, Fam. & Public Policy	3									
Cultural Diversity	Additional Cultural Div. Course from the NDSU Gen Ed list	3							SWK 491	Senior Seminar	3
TOTAL		12			1			3			15

¹Some students may be able to place out of this course.

²Meets a SWK curricular requirement.

³Adult Development & Aging courses are *HDFS 360, 480, 482*; Family Science courses are *HDFS 341, 357, 462*.

⁴One Directed Elective must be either *SWK 402: Native American Children & Adolescents* (online Spring & Summer Semesters) or *SWK 430: Diversity, Oppression, & Social Change* (online or F2F Fall Semester). The other Directed Elective may be *SWK 402, SWK 428: Crisis Intervention* (online Spring Semester), *SWK 430*, or *HMS 279: Death & Dying* (online Fall, Spring, & Summer).

⁵Students will automatically be enrolled in 1 HDFS field education credit at no charge during final semester. This is not a course that students take; it allows students access to NDSU services.