Joint M.Div/M.S.W. Program in Ministry and Social Work

A joint program leading to the Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary and the Master of Social Work degree from Rutgers University’s Graduate School of Social Work is available for students who expect to enter forms of ministry requiring competence both in the disciplines of theology and in those associated with social work. M.Div students interested in the joint program should inquire about the program early during their junior year and must apply no later than January of their middler year. The Seminary recommends students to the program but makes no guarantee that applications to Rutgers University will be successful. In consultation with the registrar, the M.Div. requirements are completed as usual in the first three years. During the senior year a total of 12 credits of coursework taken at Rutgers University will be credited toward the Seminary degree, while approved Seminary courses are credited toward the M.S.W. Immediately following the granting of the M.Div. degree, the student enters the summer session at the Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work with advanced standing and may complete all requirements for the M.S.W. earlier than might otherwise be the case, ordinarily by the end of the fourth academic year. Since students end their relationship with the Seminary upon receipt of the M.Div., neither Seminary housing nor financial aid is available during the fourth year of study.

Applications for this program should be filed with the Seminary registrar no later than February 1 of the middler year of study. Application deadline for Rutgers online registration is March 1, 2008. Extra tuition costs are involved and financial aid is available.

Fall Semester Senior MDiv year: 8 - 10 Princeton credits

  Plus at Rutgers the following courses:
  500: Social Work Practice I (3 credits)
  504: Social Welfare Policy & Services I (3 credits. May be takend during a summer session
  * PTS Field Education and/or 508: Field Practicum I

When it comes time to register, your Princeton registration should show only the Princeton Field Ed course number, not Rutgers. Please be sure to register for Field Ed at Rutgers whether or not you are doing it for PTS credit. If you plan on your Princeton Field Ed counting for your Rutgers Field Ed. You must obtain approval from the Princeton Field Education prior to starting the placement.)

Spring Semester: 8 - 10 Princeton credits

  Plus at Rutgers:
  501: Social Work Practice II
  507: Psychopathology
  * PTS Field Education and/or 508: Field Practicum I

At this point M.Div. is awarded from Princeton, and there is no longer any connection with PTS.

Summer Semester following M.Div. graduation:
  General Elective (s)

Second Year at Rutgers: As prescribed in Rutgers School of Social Work catalogue

By the end of this second academic year you should have earned the 60 necessary credits for the M.S.W.

- PTS students need to have two field education placements. The field education placement in the church can be done the *summer after their junior or middler year, or during the academic middler year. It is preferred that the second placement be done during this time as well. However, the second field education placement can be done in the senior academic year as the Field Practicum I for the MSW. If it is done as a joint placement at a Rutgers authorized site, the student needs to set up supervision at PTS for theological reflection, and forward the Field Education all evaluations done by the MSW program.
Princeton Theological Seminary Courses Approved for Rutgers MSW Program

Research Course
Students may take a course at Princeton University in social and educational research in place of the Social Work Research I course.

One of the following is required in place of Human Behavior and the Social Environment I:
ED215  Educational Psychology
ED216  Developmental Psychology

A maximum of three of the following taken as general electives:
CH435  Sects and Cults in America
CH436  The Search for a Christian America
CH442  The Ministry and History of the Traditional African American Denominations
CM360  Building Health Ministries in Congregations
CS201  Religion and Society
CS223  Church, Community and Nation
CS230  Religion and Time
CS370  Civil Religion and its Discontents
CS475  Ministry, Conflict and Cataclysm
ED353  Advanced Studies in Youth, Society and Culture
ED372  Small Groups and Spiritual Formation
ET346  Issues in Bio-Medical Ethics
ET348  Issues in Human Sexuality
PC239  Death and Dying
PC242  Sexuality and the Christian Body
PC250  Marriage, Family, and the Christian Community
PC253  Pastoral Care of Adolescents
PC266  Pastoral Care of Men
PC280  Pastoral Counseling
PC340  Spirituality and Health
PC349  Pastoral & Congregational Approaches to Addiction Prevention and Recovery
PC350  Addiction and Grace: Resources for Ministry
PC360  The Self in the System
PC370  Health Care Decisions to Live By
PC470  Persons in Pain
PC471  Families in Pain
PC472  The Minister and Mental Illness
PC477  Confession and Forgiveness in Pastoral Perspective
TH483  Critical Race Theory as Theological Change
TH495  A Time to Embrace

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