

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 then apply in January of their middler year. (The Seminary recommends and provides funding for a limited number of students, but does not 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 twelve credits of coursework, six credits per semester, 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 conferral of the M.Div., neither Seminary housing nor financial aid is available during the fourth year of this program. Applications for this program should be filed with the Seminary registrar in January/February of the middler year of study. In order to be considered by the seminary for the Joint M.Div./M.S.W. program, the student must:

- Complete the application for Joint M.Div./M.S.W. in Ministry and Social Work for Princeton Theological Seminary no later than February 15. (Found on the Registrar's web site.)
- Complete four required Seminary courses approved by Rutgers. (See course listing below.)
- Meet with the designated person, to discuss vocational plans. (See application.)
- Complete the Rutgers MSW Application online no later than March 1.
- Hold New Jersey residency.
- Complete the two required PTS field education placements prior to senior year.

(The first field education placement can be completed during the summer after their junior year. The second field education placement can be complete during the middler year or the summer after the middler year.)

**Note that acceptance by Rutgers into their M.S.W. program is not an acceptance to this Joint M.Div./M.S.W. program. The Seminary application process is separate from the Rutgers application.

Fall Semester: Senior MDiv year: 12-15 credits

Princeton 6-9 credits (courses are selected in consultation with the Registrar.)

Rutgers 6 credits

500: Social Work Practice I (3 credits)

508: Field Practicum I (3 credits)

*Optional additional Rutgers course

504: Social Welfare Policy & Services I (3 credits) This course may be taken during a summer session. *Note, that there is no PTS funding for the additional 3 credit course.

Spring Semester: - Senior MDiv year: 12-15 credits

Princeton 6-9 credits (courses are selected in consultation with the Registrar/)

Rutgers 6 credits

501: Social Work Practice II (3 credits)

508: Field Practicum I

*Optional additional Rutgers course

507: Psychopathology (3 credits) *Note, that there is no PTS funding for the additional 3 credit course.

M.Div. degree is awarded from Princeton. Following graduation and any connection with PTS is ended. Rutgers will continue to offer the discounted tuition rate for the completion of the MSW degree.

Rutgers Study

Summer Semester following M.Div. graduation: You may be able to register for summer courses at Rutgers but at this point, PTS will no longer have any financial responsibilities. (Please discuss this interest with Rutgers, Director of Admission at the School of Social Work.)

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

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.

The following Seminary courses are approved by Rutgers for the M.S.W. program:

The following course is required in place of Human Behavior and the Social Environment I:

PC5461 Pastoral Care and The Life Cycle – *Fall 2014-2015; Fall 2015-2016*

Three of the following courses, taken to fulfill general electives:

CH3580 Insiders and Outsiders in American Christianity – *Fall Semester 2014-2015*
CH436 The Search for a Christian America
EF5353 Advanced Studies in Youth, Church and Culture
ED372 Small Groups and Spiritual Formation
ET5346cr Issues in Biomedical Ethics
ET5348cr Issues in Human Sexuality
ET3347cr Issues in Medical Ethics
PC239 Death and Dying
PC5242 Sexuality and the Christian Body
PC5250 Marriage, Family, and the Christian Community – *Spring 2015-2016*
PC5253 Pastoral Care of Adolescents- *Spring 2014-2015*
PC5262 Pastoral Care with Older Adults
PC5266 Pastoral Care of Men – *Spring 2015-2016*
PC5268 Pastoral Care of Women – *Spring 2014-2015*
PC5330 Sleep, Surrender, and Sabbath – *Fall Semester, 2015-2016*
PC280 Pastoral Counseling
PC5360 The Self in the System – *Spring 2014-2015*
PC470 Persons in Pain
PC471 Families in Pain
PC5472 The Minister and Mental Illness – *Spring 2014-2015; Spring 2015-2016*
PC5475 Confession and Forgiveness in Pastoral Perspective
TH3583cr Critical Race Theory as Theological Change – *Spring 2015-2016*
TH495 A Time to Embrace
TH3200 Judaism, Christianity, and Islam in Israel (Middle East) – *Fall 2015-2016*

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