


Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate
Seton Hall University

From: Katia Passerini, Ph.D.

Provost and Executive Vice President

Re: APC Motion Approving the Proposed BSW-JD-MSW 3+3+1 Program
2020-FS-20

Date: June 16, 2020

The Office of the Provost is in receipt of 2020-FS 20, a motion approving the BSW+ JD+ MSW 3+3+1 program. This was passed by the Senate at its June 5, 2020 meeting.

This program would be attractive to students interested in pursuing legal studies and its intersection with complex social relationships. Practicing social workers need to have a thorough understanding of the law and clients' rights to provide adequate guidance. In addition, they may be called upon to assist with investigations, provide expert testimony in court or serve in other legal settings. They may work with clients who are in hospitals, nursing homes, special schools or correctional facilities with their own specific set of laws. Social workers must be alert to issues of compliance and malpractice to serve clients well.

This three-fold combination of degrees requires no new course development, but it does require effective advising, particularly on the criteria to move from the BSW to JD portion. It is noted that students must attain strict grade point averages as they move through the undergraduate portion. In addition, they must meet the prevailing LSAT score in place at the Law School, currently the 77th percentile. All of this must be carefully described in the catalogue and updated going forward. The program director should submit a comprehensive advising sheet to Dr. Gregory Burton, Associate Provost, for his review before June 30, 2020 to see if there are entering social work students who might be interested in the program. This program is not available to students who have already matriculated. The enrollments will be reviewed in Fall 2024 to gauge its recruitment value and the progress of students moving through the pipeline to the Law School. The proposal indicates that 10 students are expected to be recruited for this BSW+JD+MSW program.

With these conditions, the BSW+ JD+ MSW is approved for the program inventory.