

The Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Social Science

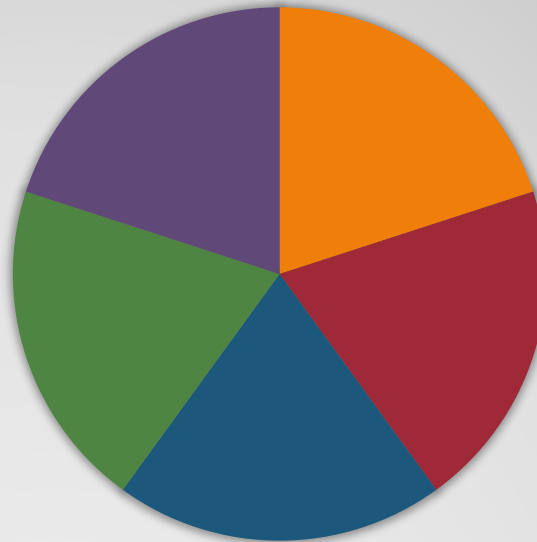


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Work and Social Science**

What is the Joint Doctoral Program?

- The Program began over 50 years ago and today students work with internationally recognized scholars across disciplines.
- The Joint Doctoral Program offers interdisciplinary study and leads to a PhD in social work and one of five social sciences:

- Anthropology
- Economics
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology



Why the Joint Doctoral Program?

- Interdisciplinary degree in social work and social science
- Opportunities to become involved in a broad range of research projects
- Active student participation
- Faculty with international reputations
- Wide range of job opportunities



Research Opportunities within the Joint Program

- Health and mental health disparities
- Gerontology and aging
- Interpersonal violence
- Evaluation research
- Prevention and action research
- Child welfare and child resiliency
- Family structure and relations
- Gender and sexuality
- Race and ethnicity
- Cross-cultural differences
- Poverty and inequality



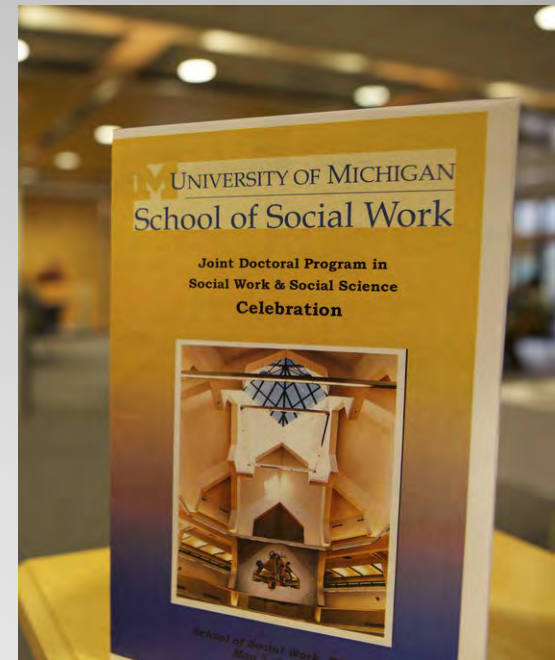
Doctoral Student Groups within Social Work

- The School of Social Work has a number of active student groups including
 - Conversations Across Social Disciplines
 - "Lifespan and Cross-cultural Perspectives on Social Relations"
 - "Integrating Activism and Politics in Academia"
 - Interdisciplinary Group on Poverty and Inequality
 - "Poverty and the Great Recession"
 - "The Role of Higher Education in Inequality"
 - Keynote speakers have included:
 - William Julius Wilson
 - David Brady
 - Jacqueline Angel



Where Joint Doctoral Graduates Work

- Faculty Positions in Schools of Social Work
 - Washington University
 - University of Texas
 - University of Georgia
- Faculty Positions in Social Science Departments
 - Department of Disaster Psychology, University of Denver
 - Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Creighton University
 - Department of Finance and Economics, Southwestern University, China
- Post-doctoral Fellowships
 - Brown University
 - Columbia University
 - NIH/National Cancer Institute
- Research Analyst Positions
 - Senior Research Economist, Oregon Health and Science University
 - Associate Research Scientist, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation



Key Elements of the Joint Program

- A Master's in Social Work (MSW)
- Social work courses
- Social science courses
- Research internship
- Teaching experience
- Preliminary exams in social work and social science
- PhD dissertation combining social work and social science

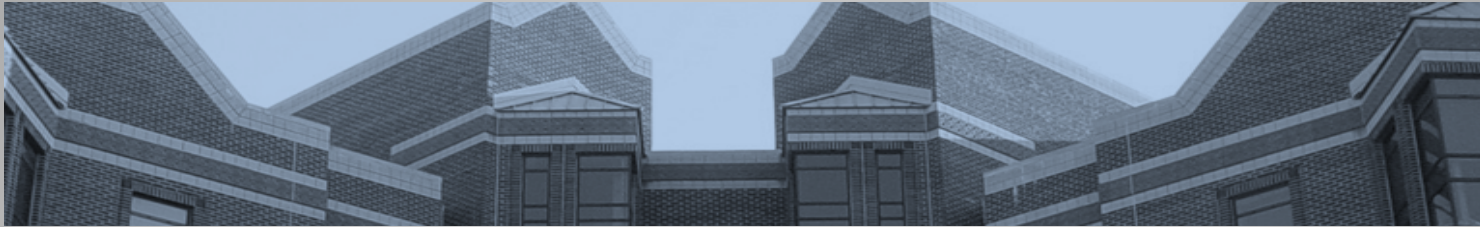


Length of Time toward Degree

- Coursework and preliminary exams: three - four years
- Dissertation: one - three years
- Total program length: five - seven years



Applying for Admission



All applicants must designate their desired joint social science and demonstrate their potential for PhD study by providing the following materials to the Joint Doctoral Program:

- Personal statement
- Statement of purpose
- Curriculum vitae
- Three letters of reference
- Transcripts from colleges and universities attended
- Results from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Results from the TOEFL/METLAB exam if country of origin's native language is not English and prior education was not earned in an English-speaking country

Key Admissions Materials

- **Personal statement**
 - Discuss your personal background, relevant life experiences
 - Discuss gaps or issues in your application
 - How have you been led to this decision?
- **Statement of purpose**
 - What research questions interest you?
 - What social science are you interested and why?
 - How do these interests mesh with those of faculty in each area?
 - What are your career objectives?
- **Letters of reference**
 - Academic potential and scholarship
 - Research experience and background



Application Deadlines

- Applications for the fall term are due December 1
- Applicants are notified of decisions by early March
- Admit 8 per year



Financial Support

- All students receive **five- to six-year funding packages** through fellowships or program-related employment.

- A limited number of **Rackham Merit Fellowships** for students of underrepresented backgrounds.

- Students are also eligible for other graduate school awards, and awards administered through their social science department.

- Most financial aid awards are made at the time of the offer of admission.



Questions?

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