

## COLLABORATIVE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University have joined together to offer students the opportunity to earn masters degrees from each institution. These programs allow students to integrate advanced learning across professional fields and to prepare to serve in a wide variety of ministerial settings and non-profit organizations.

### **Brite Divinity School-Texas Christian University Department of Social Work Dual M.S.W./M.Div., M.S.W./M.A.T.M, M.S.W./M.T.S. Degree Programs**

The purpose of these dual degree offerings is to equip graduates to assume leadership positions in a wide variety of ministry and social service agencies and organizations that promote human rights and social and economic justice.

#### **Admissions/Degree Requirements**

Candidates must be admitted to the Department of Social Work's M.S.W. Program and Brite Divinity School's Master of Arts in Theology and Ministry (M.A.T.M.), Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) or Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program. In the event a student elects to complete only one degree after having been admitted to both programs, previously allowed course substitutions will be honored and he/she must then meet all remaining requirements at the degree granting institution. Students must apply for dual degree status prior to completing 21 hours in either program (Advanced Standing M.S.W. students will need to declare at admission into the program).

#### **The M.S.W./M.A.T.M. Dual Degree**

The M.S.W./M.A.T.M. dual degree requires 54 credit hours from the TCU Department of Social Work and 33 credit hours from Brite Divinity School. Students will transfer 15 credit hours from Social Work to satisfy the M.A.T.M. Specialization, Global/Cultural Context requirement, and three credit hours of electives. This coursework will normally be drawn from Social Work courses in Diversity and Social Justice, Administration and Management, Professional Foundations, and Social Welfare Policy. Students will register conjointly at both institutions for 6 hours of Field Work but will only pay the tuition at Brite for those hours. Students will transfer six hours from Brite toward electives in Social Work. A student's field placement must be approved by administrators from both programs.

#### **M.S.W./M.T.S. Dual Degree**

The M.S.W./M.T.S. dual degree requires 54 credit hours from Social Work and 34 credit hours from Brite Divinity School. Students will transfer 15 credits hours from Social Work to satisfy M.T.S. elective hours at Brite Divinity School. Students will transfer six hours from Brite to satisfy elective hours in Social Work.

#### **M.S.W./M.Div. Dual Degree**

The M.S.W./M.Div. dual degree requires 54 credit hours from Social Work and 66 hours from Brite. Students will transfer 15 credit hours from Social Work to satisfy requirements in Leadership, The Ministry of Care, Contextualization, Ethics, and 3 hours of electives at Brite. Students will register conjointly at both institutions for 6 hours of Field Work but will only pay the tuition at Brite for those hours. Students will transfer six hours from Brite toward electives in Social Work. A student's field placement must be approved by administrators from both programs.

A full-time student in the Traditional M.S.W. Program would have coursework that looks like the following:

#### **M.S.W. Foundation – Year 1**

##### Fall:

Professional Foundation  
Micro Practice

##### Spring:

Social Welfare Policies and Services  
Macro Practice

HBSE 1  
Research 1  
Field 1

HBSE II  
Diversity & Social Justice  
Field 2

### **M.S.W. Concentration – Year 2**

Fall:

Persp. of Mental Health Practice  
Advanced Micro Practice  
Elective\*  
Research 2  
Field 3

Spring

Advanced Macro Practice  
Administration and Management  
Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice  
Elective\*  
Field 4

\*6 hours of electives are chosen from courses at Brite Divinity School.

List of Approved Elective Courses in the dual degree with Brite Divinity School:

1. Christian Social Ethics and Economic Justice
2. African-American Experiences and Perspectives in Social Ethics
3. Contemporary Ethics in Theological Perspective
4. Ministry in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Community
5. Sexuality and Pastoral Practice
6. The History of Christian Spirituality
7. Pastoral Theology: Selected Issues – Gender, Race, and Class in Pastoral Practice
8. Spiritual Life and Leadership
9. Religious Plurality: Theologies and Geopolitics of Religion
10. Interreligious Dialogue

Students in the Advanced Standing M.S.W. Program that decide to enter the dual degree program will be able to complete the requirements of the M.S.W. by taking their elective courses from a departmentally approved list of courses offered at Brite Divinity School. Choices of field placement will be made on an individual basis through consultation with both the Department of Social Work and Brite Divinity School.

A full-time student in the Advanced Standing M.S.W. Program would have coursework that looks like the following:

### **M.S.W. Concentration Year**

Fall:

Persp. of Mental Health Practice  
Advanced Micro Practice  
Elective\*  
Research 2  
Field 3

Spring

Advanced Macro Practice  
Administration and Management  
Trauma-Informed Social Work Practice  
Elective\*  
Field 4

\*6 hours of electives are chosen from courses at Brite Divinity School.

List of Approved Elective Courses in the dual degree with Brite Divinity School:

1. Christian Social Ethics and Economic Justice
2. African-American Experiences and Perspectives in Social Ethics
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5. Sexuality and Pastoral Practice
6. The History of Christian Spirituality
7. Pastoral Theology: Selected Issues – Gender, Race, and Class in Pastoral Practice
8. Spiritual Life and Leadership
9. Religious Plurality: Theologies and Geopolitics of Religion
10. Interreligious Dialogue

Courses approved for transfer can be changed at the discretion of the chair of the Department of Social Work or the chair's designate and the Executive Vice President and Dean of Brite Divinity School or the Dean's designate.