Advancement Policy

Students may progress in the major by accomplishing the following:

(A) Receiving a minimum grade of “C” in SW 315: Introduction to Social Work, and SW 321: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I. These are the first courses that students are allowed to take beginning their sophomore year.

(B) Achieving a minimum grade of “C” in all social work courses; no social work course may be repeated more than once.

(C) Obtaining a minimum grade of “C” in prerequisite social work courses prior to enrolling in a social work course at the next level.

(D) Completing all lower level graduation requirements prior to entering SW 436: Social Work Practice II, SW 437: Social Work Practice III, or SW 438: Social Work Practice IV.

(E) Completing all other degree requirements including having a 2.0 GPA prior to entering SW 496: Social Work Internship.

(F) Reading and adhering to the *NASW Code of Ethics*.

(G) Interviewing with the Field Education Director while enrolled in SW 450: Fields of Social Work and prior to enrolling in SW 496: Internship Seminar and SW 496: Social Work Internship. At this time, students will again affirm their abilities to meet the requirements for becoming licensed in the State of Mississippi as set forth in Section 73-53-1-29, *Mississippi Code*. 
CONTRACT FOR SOCIAL WORK MAJORS

All social work students review and sign this document as part of the admission process.

I have selected social work as a major. I agree to the following:

1. To read and adhere to the NASW Code of Ethics;
2. To adhere to the Advancement Policy of the Department of Social Work;
4. To adhere to the course requirements as set forth in the University's Undergraduate Catalog, Handbook for BSW Majors, all University Policies, and the course syllabi;
5. To continue my professional development through regular self-assessment of my academic performance and ethical conduct; and
6. I understand that the following will keep me from becoming licensed in the state of Mississippi as a social worker and that a social work license is required to practice social work after graduating with a degree in social work:
   • A conviction of a felony within the last ten years;
   • Being judged mentally incompetent with a decree of mental incompetence still standing in any court;
   • Dependency on alcohol or drugs, other substances, or any other type of addiction which would preclude my becoming licensed as a professional social worker in the State of Mississippi, as set forth in Mississippi Code Annotated, 73-53-1-29.

(Signed) _________________________________ (Date) _________________