

Advancement Policy

Students may progress in the major by accomplishing the following:

- (A) Receiving a minimum grade of “C” in SW 201: Introduction to Social Work, SW 321: Human Behavior and the Social Environment I, and SW 330: Human Diversity in Social Work. These are the first courses that students are allowed to take beginning their sophomore year.
- (B) Applying for “full admission” to the BSW program prior to registering for SW 335: Practice I. This application is due in the semester prior to taking SW 335.
- (C) Achieving a minimum grade of “C” in all social work courses; no social work course may be repeated more than once.
- (D) Obtaining a minimum grade of “C” in prerequisite social work courses prior to enrolling in a social work course at the next level.
- (E) 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.
- (F) Completing all other degree requirements including having a 2.0 GPA prior to entering SW 496: Social Work Internship.
- (G) Reading and adhering to the *NASW Code of Ethics*.
- (H) 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;
3. Read and adhere to the Department of Social Work Policy on Honesty and the U. of Mississippi's Expectation of Honesty & Fairness set forth in *The M Book*;
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) _____