

**B.S.W. Program Admissions Orientation
Student Statement of Understanding**

Please read each item below, place an (X) in the box directly beside the respective statement, then sign and date the form. The highlighted items were previously discussed during the Admissions Orientation.

- The B.S.W. faculty strongly encouraged me to join and participate in the Social Work Student Association (SWSA) as well as other campus organizations and with the appropriate grades, join Phi Alpha Honor Society. I am aware that active membership includes regularly attending association meetings, participating in sponsored events and satisfying annual membership fees.
- The B.S.W. faculty informed me that the minimum institutional grade point average for B.S.W. Program admissions, matriculation through the program and to enter Field Practicum is a 2.5. I am aware that if my grade point average falls below a 2.5, my admissions status in the B.S.W. Program will be in serious jeopardy, which could result in my being advised to change my major.
- I am aware that if I do not exhibit ethical behavior throughout my tenure in the B.S.W. program and/or in Field Practicum, I can **IMMEDIATELY** be removed from the program and/or Field.
- The B.S.W. faculty informed me that satisfactory completion of the English 400: English Proficiency exam and/or ENG 399: Functional Writing are graduation requirements. Additionally, for entering Freshmen (120) hours and for transfers (60) hours of community/service learning is required for graduation.
- The B.S.W. faculty informed me that all students will be assessed before being assigned to Field Practicum. It is of the program's discretion to determine the readiness in assigning students to Field. **In essence, admission into Field Practicum is not guaranteed.**
- All coursework must be completed prior to enrolling in SW 489: Field Practicum and SW 499: Integrative Seminar, to include the English Proficiency Exam or satisfactory completion of the ENG 399: Functional Writing Course.
- The B.S.W. faculty informed me that at the end of the B.S.W. Program curriculum, students are required to complete a 420 hour Field Practicum (Internship). The majority of the placements are traditionally unpaid. **Only day placement sites exist (NO EVENING or NIGHT PLACEMENTS).** In addition, in some cases background checks will be required prior to entering Field Practicum. **The final decision on assigned field placement sites is exclusively at the discretion of the B.S.W. Field Director.** Becoming a licensed social worker in the State of Mississippi will be in jeopardy if I am a sex offender, not a U.S. citizen or legal resident, received a felony within the

last (10) years, mentally incompetent, dependency on alcohol or drugs, and/or have pending disciplinary action.

- The B.S.W. faculty strongly emphasized that I carry the primary responsibility to understand the curriculum and ensure that my coursework is completed. The department advisors will work closely with each student to reassure that this process is taken place. In addition, I was strongly encouraged to pre-register early for the following semester

- **Important due dates: B.S.W. Program Admissions Application**-Fall Admission-October 15th and Spring Admission-February 15th. **Field Practicum (Internship) Application**-Fall Field Practicum-September 15th and Spring Field Practicum-February 15th by 5pm. If these dates fall on a weekend, the application must be submitted on the following Monday by 5:00pm.

I agree, fully understand and have made note of the terms and due dates of the statement listed above. I hereby agree to abide by the statements outlined in this document.

Signature of Student

Date