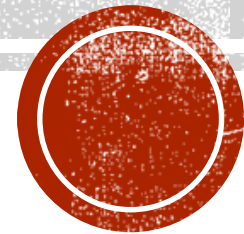


# MSW STUDENT ORIENTATION

2018



# HOW IS GRADUATE SCHOOL DIFFERENT?

- Less structure and oversight – requires:
  - Responsibility
  - Initiative
  - Time management
  - Follow through
- Writing and more writing
- Stress
  - Balance graduate college course work/internships with work and home
- Professional behavior



# **EMPHASIS ON LIFE-LONG LEARNING AND OPPORTUNITY**

- **Take a deep breath. You don't need to change the world, solve a harmful human condition – you don't need to be an expert.**
- **In 2022 looking back, how will you know that you made the best use of this opportunity?**
  - **Did you push your own boundaries, test new things, expand your professional network, make mistakes and grow from the lessons learned?**
- **Never stop visualizing walking across that stage.**
- **If you sense you are stumbling, there is honor in reaching out and using support.**



# PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- Complies with UNI Graduate College Requirements
- Complies with Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Core Competencies
- Required to attend classes that are on-site at UNI – summer sessions meet daily



# PROVISIONAL STATUS

- Statistics – *take as soon as possible*
- <3.0 – Must have at least a 3.0 after completion of 8 credit hours.
- All students must maintain a 3.0 throughout the program.
- No more than six (6) semester hours of C credit (C+, C, C-) earned within the program of study may be applied toward credit for graduation.
- BA Transcript



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Scholarships & Graduate Assistantships
  - [Graduate Assistant Position Descriptions](#)
  - Full-Time Status
  - Minimum of 3.0 GPA
  - Register each semester ASAP
- UNI Office of Financial Aid and Assistance
  - <http://uni.edu/financialaid/>
  - Part-Time Status – at least 5 Credit Hours



# HOW DO I KNOW I AM ON TRACK?

- Advisor will be assigned during the first two weeks of the first semester
  - Reach out and establish rapport
  - Maintain contact
  - Obtain approval for electives
- Student Advisement Report and Student Requests
  - Advisement Report
  - Student Requests



# Structure and Process for Resolving Issues

Process for Resolving Issues  
Related to the Classroom

Department Head

Faculty Advisor

Instructor

Peer

Process for Resolving Issues  
Related to the Field

Department Head

Field Director

Faculty Liaison

Agency Instructor





# **DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION**

- **Things Will Change – Policies & Requirements.**
- **Please monitor:**
  - **UNI Email – especially from the UNI Graduate College and the Social Work Department**
  - **Department Website.**
- **If these do not provide the info, check with:**
  - **Donna Raubs, Secretary**
  - **Dr. Juby, Dept. Head/MSW Program Director**
- **We value your perspective – serve on a departmental committee &/or MSW Student Association.**



# MISCELLANEOUS

- Mail Folders
- Graduate College Orientation
- Electives
  - All courses must be 5000-level or higher
  - Obtain approval from faculty advisor
- Manual (in revision; will be online soon)
- [Turnitin.com](#)
- [APA Formatting](#)
- [Graduate Research Paper](#)
- [UNI Writing Center](#)
- [Social Work Licensing](#)

