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](http://uni.edu/finaid/)
  ▪ Full-Time Status
  ▪ Minimum of 3.0 GPA
  ▪ Register each semester ASAP

▪ UNI Office of Financial Aid and Assistance
  ▪ [http://uni.edu/finaid/](http://uni.edu/finaid/)
  ▪ 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