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**NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST  
Graduate Programs**

Department **School of Social Work**  
College **Design and Social Inquiry**

UGPC Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
UFS Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Program Name**  
School of Social Work

**New Program**  
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**Effective Date**  
(TERM & YEAR)  
**Fall 2020**

**Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment**

The language in the academic catalog regarding Academic and Professional Standards and Continuation in the M.S.W. program is inconsistent and confusing. The School of Social Work faculty requests the attached revision to that language, clarifying that continuation in the M.S.W. program requires earning grades of at least "B-" or above in all courses.

Students admitted to the regular 60-credit program are allowed a maximum of two "C+" or "C" grades, and with faculty permission, may retake the course and continue in the program to earn that required B- or above. Students who receive more than two "C+" or "C" grades may be recommended for dismissal regardless of their cumulative GPA.

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**Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation**  
n/a

**Approved by**

Department Chair

College Curriculum Chair

College Dean

UGPC Chair

UGC Chair

Graduate College Dean

UFS President

Provost

**Date**

3/20/19  
9-19-19  
9/20/19  
10/7/19  
10/9/19  
10-9-2019

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Students who receive one grade of "C-" or below may be recommended for dismissal regardless of their cumulative GPA. Students who receive a grade of "C+" or below are not automatically permitted to re-take the course. Under exceptional circumstances, and only with prior permission from the M.S.W. faculty committee, are students permitted to re-take the course.

~~Deleted: Depending upon the program entered (Regular 60-Credit Program or Advanced Standing Program), individual course grades of "C+" or "C" are allowed to fulfill degree requirements as described in the Additional Academic Standard sections below.~~

Students who fail to meet the academic standards of the program or violate the NASW Code of Ethics may be recommended for dismissal.

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