



Messiah University BSW Student Handbook

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LOVE
mercy

WALK
humbly

WITH YOUR GOD
Micah 6:8

Messiah University Department of

Messiah University Department of Social Work

A Word From The Department Chair

Dear Students,

Welcome to your journey with the Messiah University Social Work Department! The

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Mission, Goals, and Philosophy

Messiah University Mission Statement

Messiah University is a Christian University of the liberal arts and applied arts and sciences, which offers Departments leading to B.S. and B.A. degrees. The University is committed to embracing an evangelical spirit rooted in the Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan traditions of the Christian church. The mission of Messiah University is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character, and faith in preparation for service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.

Mission of the School of Arts, Culture and Society

The Mission of the School of Arts, Culture and Society is to prepare students to serve God in church, society, and their professions by applying

Integration of Faith and Learning Goal

A unique characteristic of the Department is the goal of connecting faith development with competent, ethical, and professional Social Work practice. The Social Work Department at Messiah University aims to prepare Christian Social Work students toward maturity of Christian faith, intellect, and

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The community advisory committee will offer consultation on curriculum and issues relating to Department policy and practices. The committee will meet at least one time each semester and be composed of 12-20 members including all full-time Social Work faculty, two student representatives from the Social Work Department, and at least eight professional Social Workers.

Assessment of the Social Work Department

The Department of Social Work regularly engages in formal and informal evaluations to assess student progress

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- SOWK 385 Introduction to Research in Social Work (3)
- SOWK 420 Social Welfare Policy and Social Change (3)
- SOWK 475 Social Work Practice with Communities and Organizations (3)
- SOWK 476 Field Experience: Social Work Practice with Communities & Organizations (1)
- SOWK 484 Preparations for Field Practice (1)
- SOWK 485 Seminar in Social Work Practice (3)
- SOWK 490 Field Practice in Social Work (12)
- SOAN 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (3)
- HIST 142 US History Survey Since 1865 (3)
- BIOL 158 Human Biology (4)
- STAT 269 Introductory Statistics (3)
- ECON 110, 117 or 120 Economics (3)

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Tevera

Each Social Work student will obtain the learning management system Tevera, which stores practicum timesheets and professional development experiences. This lifetime membership will transition with students who plan on attending

BSW Social Work Practicum Handbook

Each Social Work should also have knowledge of and conform to applicable practicum policies found in the Messiah University practicum handbook prior to entering SOWK learning experience courses. Practicum handbook can be found on the Messiah University website at: [Practicum Handbook](#)

Malpractice Insurance

The following information describes the Professional Liability Coverage that the University provides for students doing internships and/or practicum placements. It is your responsibility to determine if the coverage is adequate, or if additional coverage should be purchased.

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- < Preparing for the classroom activities by completing assigned readings and class preparation activities
- < Being awake, alert and engaged in learning activities and discussions

Character

The student will...

- < Advocate for the rights of all clients.
- < Maintain client confidentiality
- < Take appropriate action to

Communication

The student

- < Not use electronic communication (email, text messaging, phone calls, twittering, etc.) during class/practicum sessions
- < Turn off

Professionalism

The student is expected to...

- < Arrive to class, meetings, or placement on time and leave when scheduled
- < Use class, meeting, or placement time effectively
- < Inform faculty or field instructors of important information
- < Inform faculty or field instructors ahead of time if going to be absent
- < Demonstrate reliability and timeliness on assignments
- < Be responsive to classroom and agency expectations
- < Interact appropriately with peers, faculty, agency staff, and clients
- < Complete assignments to the best of your ability and on time
- < Complete all practicum hours and assignments

Teamwork

The student is expected

- < Handle all interactions in a respectful and caring manner
- < Contribute equally to the group process in conjunction with his/her team members
- < ~~Cooperate~~ and collaborate
- < Base decisions on consensus whenever possible

Timeliness

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disregard to the expectations for Social Work student conduct, the student will not be approved for admission to, or progression in, the Social Work major. Eligibility for entrance and

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the student from any Social Work course and the field coordinator with coordinator

* Membership shall be available to all eligible persons

