

The University of Alabama School of Social Work B.S.W. Program

Application for Admission to the Professional Program

Preliminary Checklist

First, read about the Professional Program in the *B.S.W. Student Handbook*. Then, complete this checklist.

1. I passed BSC 109 (or BSC 116 & 117).
2. I passed PY 101 and SOC 101 or I passed one and am enrolled in the other.....
 - a. Have you completed PY 101? YES NO If no, are you enrolled? YES NO
 - b. Have you completed SOC 101? YES NO If no, are you enrolled? YES NO
3. I completed the math requirement.
 - a. Have you completed MATH 110 or 112? YES NO
 - b. If no, have you completed MATH 100? YES NO
4. I have completed at least 45 credit hours toward my undergraduate degree.
5. I will have completed at least 54 credit hours toward my degree by the end of this spring or next summer semester.
6. My overall GPA is at least 2.25.
 - a. What is it? _____; date _____
7. My Social Work GPA is at least 2.5
 - a. What is it? _____; date _____
8. **I have passed the writing exam**.....
 - a. When did you last take it? _____
 - b. When did you pass it? _____
9. If I completed any of my academic work (past high school) at any institution other than UA, I have submitted ALL my transcript(s) to the UA Records Office, Box 870134
10. I have read the *NASW Code of Ethics*
11. I agree to abide by the *NASW Code of Ethics*

If you checked all 11 items in the list, turn the page and *complete your application*. If you CANNOT check all 11 items, then see your advisor before you complete your application (take this checklist with you).

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Essay Instructions and Application Cover Page

If you checked all 11 items on the list on the reverse of this page, then follow the instructions here. Be sure you have taken the writing exam before you write your essays.

1. Provide the information requested in the box below.
2. Write three short essays (use a typewriter or computer and printer) and attach them to this cover page. **Do not put your name on the essays.** Each essay must be at least 350 words. In each essay, be sure to address each question.
 - a. **Essay I:** Why do you want to enter the professional program in social work? What experiences led you to think that social work is an appropriate career goal for you? What special circumstances, if any, should be considered by reviewers of your application?
 - b. **Essay II:** Identify a major social problem that interests you and discuss it. What do you think might be some of the causes of the problem? Imagine that you are a social worker and describe how you might intervene to address the problem. If you use sources for your essay, be sure to cite them according to APA style.
 - c. **Essay III:** What is the *NASW Code of Ethics* and what is its purpose? Discuss one of the principles or standards in the *Code of Ethics*, explaining how you would apply it as a social worker who works with clients.
3. Submit your application (this cover page and your essays) to the Social Work Registrar, Ms. Nicol, in Room 106.

Name _____	Student ID _____
Local Address _____	Phone _____

E-mail _____	
List all colleges and universities, other than UA, that you have attended _____	

Signature _____	Date _____