

The University of Alabama School of Social Work BSW Program
BSW Professional Program
Application for Admission - Preliminary Checklist

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

NOTE: The courses listed below must be passed with a grade of C- or higher.

For the first 9 statements, circle or highlight either “passed”, “am enrolled in”, or “have not enrolled in” depending on whether or not you have completed the course in question.

1. I _____ BSC 108, BSC 109, BSC 114/115 or BSC 116/117.
2. I _____ PY 101.
3. I _____ SOC 101.
4. I _____ SW 100 or SW 105.
5. I _____ SW 200 or SW 205.
6. I _____ SW 351 or SW 355.
7. I _____ SW 101.
8. I _____ SW 310.
9. I _____ the core Math requirement (MA 110 or 112).
10. If not enrolled, have you passed Math 100?
11. I have completed at least 45 hours toward my BSW degree.
12. I will have completed at least 54 credit hours toward my BSW degree by the time I begin the professional BSW program.
13. My overall GPA is at least a 2.25. My overall GPA is _____ Date _____
14. My SW GPA is at least 2.5. My SW GPA is _____ Date _____
15. If I have completed any college-level academic work at any institution other than UA, I have submitted ALL of my transcripts to the UA Registrar's Office.
16. I understand that my field placement will require me to learn in an agency 32 hours/week, typically during office hours (M-F/ 8am-5pm) for an entire semester. Main campus students will be placed in Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, or a 60-mile radius of Tuscaloosa (or in Washington, DC or internationally). Distance learning students will be placed in one of these counties depending on the student's location: Madison, Jefferson, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, or Mobile (or in Washington, DC or internationally).
17. I have read and agree to abide by the *NASW Code of Ethics*.

18. I agree to abide by the Capstone Creed (see below).

“As a member of The University of Alabama community, I will pursue knowledge, act with fairness, integrity and respect; promote equity and inclusion; foster individual and civic responsibility; and strive for excellence in all I do.”

Signature: _____

(Your typed name will serve as your signature on this document.)

19. Please review and sign:

Violations of the NASW Code of Ethics or the Capstone Creed may result in dismissal from the Social Work program and the University of Alabama. (Your typed name will serve as your signature on this document.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

CWID: _____

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Essay Instructions and Application Cover Page

If you have answered all the items on the application checklist, or if your advisor indicated you should apply, follow the instructions here.

1. Provide the information requested in the box below.
2. Type three essays using the prompts below and respond to the field statement in a paragraph. Attach these to this cover page. ***Do not put your name on the essays or field statement paragraph.*** Each essay must be at least 350 words. In each essay and the field statement, be sure to address each prompt provided. **Essays and field statement paragraphs will be evaluated for content and quality of writing.**
 - 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 justice 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. It is expected that you will use research literature or other credible sources to support your assertions. Cite and reference your sources according to APA style guidelines. Information about APA style guidelines can be found at https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html.
 - 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. If you use language from the *Code of Ethics*, be sure to cite and reference your source according to APA styles guidelines.
 - d. **Field Statement:** Field placements are completed during the fall semester of your senior year after you have taken most of your Professional Program courses. Students typically complete 32 hours per week in a social service agency for the entire semester (Total of 450 clock hours in agency). You will be required to be in field a minimum of 16 hours per week during normal business hours/days (M-F/8:00 am -5:00 pm). Main Campus students will be placed in Tuscaloosa, Birmingham or 60-mile radius of Tuscaloosa. Distance Learning students will be placed in one of the following geographic locations including the county in which the city is located: Huntsville, Birmingham, Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, and Mobile.

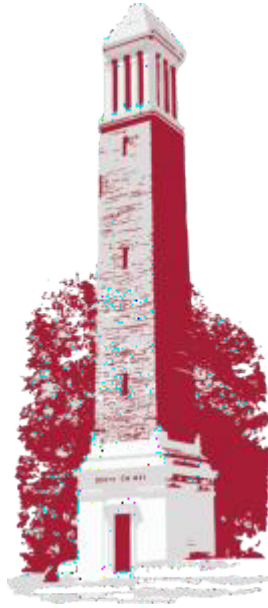
In a paragraph explain how you plan to accommodate field requirements into your personal, family, and/or professional responsibilities.

3. Submit your application (this cover page, the checklist, and your essays/field statement paragraph) to Ms. Gwen Montgomery, 1029 Little Hall or gmontgomery@sw.ua.edu.

Name _____	CWID# _____
Local Address _____	
Phone _____	Email _____
List all colleges and universities, other than UA, that you have attended	
Signature _____	Date _____
(Your typed name will serve as your signature on this document.)	

THE CAPSTONE CREED

The Capstone Creed is a statement of UA student values developed by the Student Leadership Council. The Capstone Creed is the pledge made at convocation by each incoming freshman class at the start of the academic year.



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