

Dear BSW, MSW, and PhD Students:

The following program-specific academic policy exceptions will be made in response to the COVID-19 crisis for grades earned only during the spring 2020 semester for M.S.W. and Ph.D. students and for grades earned only during the spring and summer 2020 semesters for B.S.W. students. These exceptions take into account the university's decision to allow you to select a P/F grading scheme instead of the traditional A – F grading scale for spring 2020 courses, as well as the overall impact of the crisis on your personal and individual life circumstances. Exceptions to semesters beyond the periods stipulated below may be considered later depending on any continued impact because of the COVID-19 crisis. Please refer to the [Student Policy Handbook](#) for all program academic standards.

Waivers based on grades earned at the end of the spring or summer 2020 semesters for B.S.W. students:

- Waiver of the policy requiring that students earn a grade of B or higher in SLWK 201 and SLWK 230 for admission to upper level.
 - Instead, the program will accept a grade of P (native students) or PT (transfer students) earned spring or summer 2020 in lieu of a grade of A or B as required in SLWK 201 and SLWK 230 for admission to upper level division for fall 2020 or spring 2021 upper-level admission.
- Waiver of the policy requiring students to earn a cumulative grade point average equal to or higher than 2.50 for admission to upper level.
 - Instead, the program will accept students with less than 2.50 minimum cumulative GPA, but in good academic standing for fall 2020 or spring 2021 upper level admission so long as they meet all other upper level admission criteria and have earned the grades noted above in SLWK 201 and SLWK 230.

Waivers based on grades earned at the end of the spring 2020 semester for M.S.W. and Ph.D. Students:

- Waiver of the policy requiring dismissal for any student earning a D or F.
 - Instead, the program will allow any student earning a D or F at the end of the spring 2020 semester the opportunity to repeat the course. The student will be dismissed if, on the second attempt in the same course, another D or F is earned.

NOTE 1: Seek exclusion of D or F when calculating GPA for graduation. NOTE 2: The D and F dismissal policy will not be waived in cases where a failing final grade resulted from an academic integrity sanction or those resulting from ethical and/or professional misconduct as determined by a faculty panel due-process review.

- Waiver of the policy limiting the number of C grades a student can earn.
 - Instead, the program will not count any grade of C earned at the end of the spring 2020 semester when calculating the number of total C grades a student has earned during their enrollment in the program.
- Waiver of the policy requiring that students maintain a minimum cumulative GPA equal to 3.00.
 - Instead, the program will allow any student to continue in the program if their cumulative GPA falls or stays below 3.00 at the end of the spring 2020 semester. Students will be dismissed if their cumulative GPA is not 3.00 or higher at the end of the fall 2020 semester.