The Baccalaureate Social Work Program has established a chapter of the National Honor Society for Undergraduate Social Work, Phi Alpha. Students are eligible to join if they meet the following membership criteria:

- have declared social work as major
- have achieved sophomore status
- have completed nine semester hours of required UMBC social work courses
- have achieved an overall grade point average of 3.0 out of possible 4.0; and
- have achieved a 3.5 grade point average in required or elective social work courses taken at UMBC.

History of Phi Alpha

Phi Alpha was established in 1962. The purposes of the Honor Society, as stated in its brochure, are to “provide a closer bond among students of social work and promote humanitarian goals and ideals.” Further, Phi Alpha “fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.” At present, there are 62 chapters of the Honor Society in schools around the country, including the established chapter here at U.M.B.C.

Interested students may complete the application on the other side. Applications are due no later than 2/15/16 and returned to the Social Work office (Sherman Hall-B-322) along with a check or cash for $20.00 made out to “UMBC Foundation” to cover membership and chapter fees (USG students can drop off application with Ms. Leiser).

If you have any questions, please email:
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Faculty Advisor L. Ting LTing@umbc.edu

An induction ceremony will be held at UMBC in the Spring for all new members and their guests.
Application for Phi Alpha National Honor Society in Social Work

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS THROUGH FEBRUARY 20TH, 2015

Name: ____________________________________________

Local Address: ______________________________________

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Phone: __________________________ Cell Phone: __________

Campus ID: __________________________

Campus E-mail Address: ______________________________

Overall GPA: _______ GPA in Social Work Courses: _______

Status/year: ___________________ Please attach a copy of your

“MyUMBC” course history.

List of Social Work courses completed as of now: _________________________

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TO BE COMPLETED BY PROGRAM:

________ APPLICATION APPROVED DATE: ________________

________ APPLICATION DENIED DATE: ________________

Reason for Denial: ______________________________________

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Revised: 11/2010
SOCIAL WORK - CALCULATION OF CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE

To qualify for social work field EDUCATION (SOWK 480), students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.50 by the end of the spring semester preceding the beginning of the field experience. Field placement begins only in the fall semester.

The calculation of the overall GPA for field instruction eligibility is based on a combination of transfer grades and UMBC grades. Transfer grades for internship courses are treated as a grade as opposed to a letter grade since the UMBC social work program offers internship courses on a pass/fail basis only.

The steps below are offered as a guide for students who may wish to calculate their combined (transfer grades + UMBC grades) cumulative grade point average.

1. Find the quality point value for each course taken by multiplying the number of credits assigned to each course by the value for each grade (A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0, P=0)

   **Example:**
   
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2. Add together the quality point values of all courses to determine the total quality point value.

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Total number attempted credits: 14    Total quality point value: 28    Total earned credits = 14

Finally, divide the total quality point value by the total number of credits attempted to determine the grade point average.

   Total quality point value = 28
   Total credits attempted = 14
   GPA = 2.0

Note: If a course is repeated, only the higher grade is used in computing the cumulative GPA. Transfer credits, courses passed under the Pass/Fail option, and zero credits courses are not included in the computation of the GPA. They are listed on the permanent record, however. Institutional credit courses are computed in the semester GPA, but are not computed in the cumulative GPA. Courses failed under the pass/fail system are computed in the GPA.

**Worksheet**

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