

# Attention All Social Work Majors

## University of Maryland Baltimore County Chapter of Phi Alpha Honor Society

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 2/10/17 and returned to the Social Work office (Sherman Hall-B-322) along with a check or cash for \$30.00 made out to “UMBC Foundation”** to cover lifetime membership and chapter fees (**USG students can drop off application with Ms. Leiser**).

If you have any questions, please email:

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*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 10TH, 2017\*\*\*\*\***

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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## 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 "pass" 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.

- 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:**

Course	Credit		Grade	Quality Points
ENGI00	3	X	B (3)	= 9

- Add together the quality point values of all courses to determine the total quality point value.

**Example:**

Course	Credit		Grade	Quality Points
ENGI00	3	X	A (4)	= 12
CHEM101	4	X	D (1)	= 4
ECON101	3	X	P (0)	= 0
SPAN201	4	X	B (3)	= 12
MATH106	3	X	F (0)	= 0

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.

$$\frac{\text{Total quality point value} = 28}{\text{Total credits attempted} = 14} = 2.0 \text{ GPA}$$

**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

Current Transcript			Projected GPA (estimated grades - future semester)		
Credits Attempted		Quality Points			
	A x 4 =			A x 4 =	
	B x 3 =			B x 3 =	
	C x 2 =			C x 2 =	
	D x 1 =			D x 1 =	
	F x 0 =			F x 0 =	
	Total			Total	
GPA			GPA		

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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