

Hello PSWK and SWRK majors –

Welcome to the beginning of another academic year. Our faculty and staff are ready to work with you throughout the coming year in helping prepare you to join the noble profession of Social Work. Please find attached an updated edition of the Student Handbook. I would encourage each student to read the handbook carefully in order that you will more fully understand the dimensions of the program of which you are part.

Due to some changes in both our student and faculty populations, we have made changes this semester in the advising assignments for the coming year. Please check the attached roster to determine who your advisor for this year will be. In doing so, please keep in mind that Professor Brandon Ousley advises all pre-social work (PSWK) majors (those who have not yet completed SWRK 2010 and SWRK 2911), while the responsibility for advising social work (SWRK) majors is split among the various members of our faculty (generally, based on the first letter of your last name). All of our advisors prefer that you use the Appointment Plus system (<https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/1pkqxctv/10>) to schedule appointments with them. We will begin advising for the spring semester immediately after the fall break.

Due to the excellent response we had to the Student Success Seminar in the past, we have scheduled another Success Seminar for this semester. This is a meeting that all social work and pre-social work majors are to attend. The meeting this year will take place on Friday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. until noon. Registration and check-in start at 9:00am, and we will begin at 9:30 as one large group in the theater of the University Center, then split into two sessions for a substantial portion of the morning – providing those who attended in previous semesters with some other material related to succeeding in the profession of social work. As we did in previous years, we will offer certificates to those who attend the entire session. The certificate will entitle you to five (5) additional points on any **one** assignment in any **one** SWRK course in the fall semester of 2015. Again, this meeting is mandatory for all PSWK and SWRK majors unless it conflicts with classes you may have that morning. If you do have class that morning, please contact Dr. Elswick (selswick@memphis.edu) by Friday, September 11, informing her of the conflict.

Finally, we want to invite all of our PSWK and SWRK majors to join the Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) this year. This organization is an opportunity for you to be involved with your peers in shaping and coordinating learning experiences and opportunities for professional development. Please be watching your email for notices about upcoming meetings.

Best-

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