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**UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM**

Program:	Social Work		
Formal Option :		or Specialty Field	
	(if applicable)		(if applicable)
Department (if applicable):			
College (if applicable):	Social Work		
Degree title:	BASW	Bulletin pp:	224-225
CIP Code:	440701	UK ID No.:	SOWK
		HEGIS CODE:	
Accrediting Agency (if applicable):	Council of Social Work Education (CSWE)		

I. PROPOSED CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

1. Particular University Studies Requirements or Recommendations for this program

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
English writing		
Communication:		
Mathematics:		
Area I (Natural Science)		
Area II (Social Science)		
Area III (Humanities)		
Area IV (Cross-disciplinary component)		
Area V (Non-western cultural component)		

2. College Depth and Breadth of Study Requirements (if applicable) (including particular courses required or recommended for this program) NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 2. through 6. involve additional courses offered in another program, please submit correspondence with the program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>

3. Premajor or Preprofessional Course Requirements (if applicable)

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
SW 444: Educational Practicum I (8 credit hours)	SW 444: Educational Practicum (5 credit hours)

SW 450: Social Work Research (3 credit hours)	SW 450: Social Work Research (4 credit hours)
	SW 435: Introduction to Professional Ethics (2 credit hours)

Total Hours: _____

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4. Credit Hours Required	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
a. Total Required for Graduation:		
b. Required by level:		
	100	200
		300
		400-500
c. Premajor or Preprofessiona (if applicable)		f. Hours Needed for a Particular Option or Specialization (if applicable)
d. Field of Concentration (if applicable)		g. Technical or Professional Support Electives (if applicable)
e. Division of Hours Between Major Subject and Related Field (if applicable)		h. Minimum Hours of Free or Supportive Electives (Required)

5. Major or Professional Course Requirements

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Students are currently required to take SW 444 (8 hours) and SW 450 (3 hours) as part of the professional course expectations.	SW 444 to be reduced to 5 credit hours and the resulting 3 credit hours re-distributed as follows: (1) SW 450 is increased from 3 hours to 4 hours to allow for application of material (2) A new required course, SW 435, which will be a discrete course on ethics

6. Minor Requirements (if applicable)

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
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Total Hours:

7. Rationale for Change(s): (If rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements.)

1. Reduction in SW444 (Field Practicum): The field practicum is required by the Council of Social Work Education through which the BASW is accredited. The minimum hours of practicum required by the CSWE for field practicum is 400. Our current SW 444 at 8 credit hours translates into 360 hours of practicum per semester, which far exceeds the CSWE requirement (200 hours per semester) and is higher than other undergraduate social work programs. The proposed credit hour reduction allows students 270 hours of practicum during the semester, which is still above the minimum and adequate to provide them with a rich learning experience. The Curriculum Committee, Field Director, Director of Undergraduate Studies, and the College Faculty are requesting these hours be reduced to 5 credit hours so that the 3 hours released by this change can be used to address other needs in the curriculum. The requested changes are described below.

2. Increase of SW 450 (Research Methods in Social Work) from 3 to 4 credit hours: The current course covers research concepts and material but the time does not allow for more in-depth application of the research process. This increase will add additional time during which students can apply the research knowledge using practical exercises. (See attached module of possible exercises, "Research Methods in Social Work Application of Understanding through Practical Exercises). This need was identified by College faculty as well as seniors who were graduating in Spring, 2006. This change will support the College's effort to enhance the research component of the curriculum. (See attached syllabus)

3. Addition of SW 435 (Foundatons of Professional Ethics in Social Work): This additional required course will provide social work undergraduate majors with a discrete course of foundational ethics. Ethics are currently taught using an infused model, but this component needs to be covered more comprehensively so that BASW students are better equipped to manage ethical situaitons and dilemmas upon graduation. The BASW is considered to be a professional degree and graduates are eligible for employment (and licensure in many states). Also, a discrete course in ethics is taught in the UK College of Social Work MSW program only to those students who are entering the graduate program without an undergraduate degree in social work from an accredited program; the assumption is made that they would already have had an ethics course in their foundation years. This proposed change will close this gap and ensure that those students who progress through both our undergraduate and graduate programs receive a discrete ethics course as part of their education.

These changes allow us to meet currently identified curriculum needs and also stay within the boundaries of the 120 hour degree requirement.

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8. List below the typical semester by semester program for a major.

<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
See enclosure	See enclosure

Will this program be printed in the Bulletin?

Yes: No:

Signatures of Approval:

Key Hoffma
Department Chair

Dean of the College

Date
11/16/06

Date

Sharon Orr
*Undergraduate Council

Date of Notice to the Faculty
12/12/06

Date

*University Studies

Date

*Graduate Council

Date

*Academic Council for the Medical Center

Date

*Senate Council

Date of Notice to Univ. Senate

*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL:

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To: Undergraduate Council

From: Dr. Karen Badger, DUS, College of Social Work

Date: November 21, 2006

Re: Changes in the BASW program

I am including a cover memo in this packet as an introduction to the requested changes enclosed. The College of Social Work faculty recently voted to decrease the number of credit hours currently assigned to BASW field practicum in order to better balance the undergraduate curriculum. These requests include a reduction of SW 444 from 8 credit hours to 5 credit hours. This change would release 3 credit hours for reassignment; the College would like to use one credit hour to strengthen the current research requirement, and the remaining two credit hours to create a new course in ethics. This will allow us to specifically teach this content to our BASW undergraduates to better prepare them for the profession as well as close a curriculum gap between our BASW and MSW degree requirements. Thank you for your review of these requests.

Enclosures:

Request for Change in Undergraduate Program:

1. Request Form
2. Current Curriculum Model
3. Proposed Curriculum Model

Application for Change in Existing Course: SW 444

1. Request Form
2. Proposed Syllabus

Application for Change in Existing course: SW 450:

1. Request Form
2. Proposed Syllabus
3. Research Application Module (enhanced course content)

Application for New Course: SW 435

1. Request form
2. Curriculum Committee minutes
3. Proposed Syllabus

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Sample Semester-by-Semester Program for a Social Work Major

I FALL ENG 104 or HON 101 or USP 3-4 USP Mathematics 3 BIO 102 Human Ecology 3 SOC 101 Intro. to Sociology 3 USP Humanities 3 TOTAL 15-16	I SPRING ENG 104 or HON 101 or USP 3-4 USP Humanities 3 STA 200 Stats: Force in Human Judgment 3 BIO 103 Basic Ideas in Biology 3 PSY 100 Intro. to Psychology 4 TOTAL 16-17
II FALL 2nd Tier Writing Requirement or HON 201 or USP 3 ECO 101 Contemp. Economic Issues 3 PHI 120 Intro. to Logic 3 SW 124 Intro. to Social Services 3 USP Cross-Cultural 3 TOTAL 15	II SPRING 2nd Tier Writing Requirement or HON 201 or USP 3 SW 222 Devel. of Social Welfare 3 PS 101 American Government 3 Anthropology course 3 Elective ¹ 3 TOTAL 15
III FALL SW 300 SW Practice I 4 SW 420 Human Behav. & Social Envir. 3 300-500 level SBS/SW Elective ² 3 300-500 level SBS/SW Elective ² 3 Elective ¹ 3 TOTAL 16	III SPRING SW 400 Social Work Practice II 4 SW 430 Social Welfare Policy 3 300-500 level SBS/SW Elective ² 3 300-500 level SBS/SW Elective ² 3 300-500 level SBS/SW Elective ² 3 TOTAL 16
IV FALL SW 444 Educational Practicum I 8 SW 450 Social Work Research 3 300-500 level Elective ¹ 3 TOTAL 14	IV SPRING SW 445 Educational Practicum II 8 SW 470 Senior Seminar (SW 470W) 3 300-500 level Elective ¹ 3 TOTAL 14

Notes

1. Students must complete at least 6 hours of upper-division (300-500 level) elective hours and enough lower-division elective hours to lead to the minimum total of 120 hours required for graduation.
2. A 300-500 level course from any of the following disciplines within the Social and Behavioral Sciences and Social Work (SBS/SW): anthropology, economics, family studies, political science, psychology, social work, sociology.

Proposed changes
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