SSW Academic Termination Policy
MSW Graduate Program and SSW Graduate Certificate Programs

A MSW graduate student shall be terminated from the MSW program and/or a graduate or postgraduate student shall be terminated from a SSW graduate certificate program if the student does not achieve and maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0. Termination may occur if one or more of the following conditions occur:

1. The student receives a grade of “B-“ and below in three (3) professional curriculum (classroom/online) courses, excluding a field instruction course.

2. The student receives two (2) marks of “M” in field instruction courses.

3. The student receives a combination of a grade of “B-“ and below in two (2) professional curriculum (classroom/online) courses and one (1) mark of “M” in a field instruction course.

4. The student receives a grade of “F” in a classroom/online curriculum course or a mark of “U” in a field instruction course.

5. The student receives a mark of “WN”, “WP”, or “WF” in a course in the professional curriculum (classroom/online) or field instruction/field work without approval of the assigned Academic Advisor or MSW Program Coordinator.

A student will be notified of termination from a graduate or certificate program when any of the above circumstances occur. A student will receive an academic warning if he/she receives a “B-“ grade or below in a classroom/online course, or a mark of “M” (Marginal Pass) in a field instruction course. According to the WSU Graduate Bulletin, “Grades of “B-“ and below are unsatisfactory for graduate level work and constitute valid cause for dropping a student from a graduate program at the program's discretion (WSU Graduate Bulletin, 2014-2016, p.31).

If any of the above listed circumstances occur, it is the student’s responsibility to immediately withdraw from all social work classroom, online and/or field instruction courses. Students are urged to immediately contact the assigned Academic Advisor to seek guidance about next steps. Students may not attend social work classes or field instruction courses while terminated from a school of social work graduate degree and/or graduate Certificate Program.
If students do not officially withdraw from all classes and field, there maybe liability for additional university tuition and fees. For information on the course withdrawal process and how to avoid additional charges, please refer to the Registrar for the Course Withdrawal Schedule. The link is as follows: (http://reg.wayne.edu/students/registration-calendar.php).

Students are to be advised of their access to the University Ombudsperson at any point in the evaluation process.