DEPARTMENTAL HONORS in SOCIAL WORK

Departmental Honors offers distinction to the best students in the major. This program recognizes accomplishments in the following three areas: scholarship, leadership, and professionalism.

**Departmental Honors Requirements:**

- Maintain an overall GPA of at least 3.25 and a GPA of 3.7 or higher in social work
- Demonstrate scholarship by applying to and being accepted as a member of Phi Alpha National Social Work Honor Society;
- Demonstrate scholarship by:
  - presenting individually or as part of a panel at a campus event or a local, state, national, or international professional meeting on research, theory, practice, or some other topic related to social work;
  - OR
  - publishing a paper individually or as part of a group of authors in a recognized professional or student journal on research, theory, practice, or some other topic related to social work;
- Demonstrate leadership by filling a leadership position with the Weber State University Social Work student organization, the Utah Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW), or another local or national organization; and
- Demonstrate professionalism by:
  - being a student member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) during the senior year;
  - OR
  - providing a letter of recommendation from a practicum supervisor attesting to and describing how the student has shown professionalism in her/his field internship.

Students who have not completed their General Education requirements are encouraged to take Honors General Education classes.

**Applying for Departmental Honors:**

- Download and complete the Departmental Honors Application, available on the WSU Honors webpage, weber.edu/honors.
- Meet with Mark Bigler, the Social Work Departmental Honors Advisor, who will review and sign your application.
- Submit the completed application to Marilyn Diamond, the Honors Program Advisor, who is located in LI 225. You will receive notification confirming your acceptance into the program.
- **Note:** you must be admitted into Departmental Honors at least *one semester* before graduating.

**Applying for Graduation with Departmental Honors:**

- Early in the semester of anticipated graduation, download and complete the Departmental Honors Exit Application, found on the WSU Honors webpage, weber.edu/honors.
- Meet with Mark Bigler, who will review and sign off on your application.
- Submit the signed form to Marilyn Diamond, the Honors Program Advisor, who will clear you for graduation with Departmental Honors. You must still apply for graduation through the Graduation Office.
- **Note:** the Exit Application must be submitted prior to fall break for fall graduation and prior to spring break for spring graduation.

**Recognition Through Departmental Honors:**

- Your transcript and degree diploma will be printed with the distinction, “Departmental Honors in Social Work;”
- You will receive an invitation to all Honors Program social and educational events;
- You will receive an invitation to the Honors Nye Banquet when you graduate.

**For more information, please contact:**

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