

REVIEW AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The Social Work Program at Utah State University maintains high, professional standards for students and faculty members. Because of the nature of professional social work practice, the Social Work Program has different expectations of students than do nonprofessional programs. All social work students are expected to abide by the standards set by the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) *Code of Ethics*. When a student's performance does not meet expectations according to these established guidelines, a review may be called to bring the problem to the student's attention and to develop a plan to address the problem. Usually, the issue is resolved and the student continues in the program with additional support and/or conditions established for the student's continuance in the program. In some instances, depending on the nature of the problem, the student may be referred to the Dean of Students or the student may be advised to change majors/degree programs and/or discontinue from the program.

Students enrolled in the MSW Program have the right to appeal decisions made by the Social Work Program, including scholastic dismissal. Students are assured freedom from reprisals for filing appeals. Students who wish to appeal decisions made by the Social Work Program may do so, first to the MSW Program Director and then through the appropriate channels of authority.

Students who feel they have been unfairly treated (in matters other than (i) discipline or (ii) admission, residency, employment, traffic, and parking--which are addressed by procedures separate and independent from the Student Code) may file a grievance through the channels and procedures described in the Student Code (*Read **Article VII*** for a detailed description of the grievance process regarding academic and nonacademic grievances and appeals)

Source: The Code of Policies and Procedures for Students at Utah State University, Article VII. Grievances, pages 25-30