

University and School Policies

For your convenience, the University website provides a complete list of campus-wide *course policies*:

- [IUPUI Course Policies](#)
- [IUB Course Policies](#)
- [IUE Course Policies](#)
- [IUSB Course Policies](#)
- [IUN Course Policies](#)

Whereas knowledge of and compliance with all of these policies is important, it's imperative that you be aware of and comply with those that are outlined as follows:

Academic integrity

Students should be familiar with the [Indiana University Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct](#), from which many of the policies below are derived. In addition, students should refer to the MSW General Student Handbook and their respective campus supplements for more detailed information about these policies and additional resources available to them.

Cheating

Cheating is grounds for failing the course and possible dismissal from the program and/or university. Cheating is considered to be any attempt to use or provide unauthorized assistance, materials, information, or study aids in any form and in any academic exercise or environment. A student must not use external assistance on any "in-class" or "take-home" examination, unless the instructor specifically has authorized external assistance. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the use of tutors, books, notes, calculators, computers, and wireless communication devices.

A student must not use another person as a substitute in the taking of an examination or quiz, nor allow other persons to conduct research or to prepare work, without advance authorization from the instructor to whom the work is being submitted.

A student must not use materials from a commercial term paper company, files or papers prepared by other persons, or submit documents found on the Internet. A student must not collaborate with other persons on a particular project and submit a copy of a written report that is represented explicitly or implicitly as the student's individual work.

A student must not use any unauthorized assistance in a laboratory, at a computer terminal, or on fieldwork.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a form of cheating and is grounds for failing the course and possible dismissal from the program and/or university. Plagiarism is defined as presenting someone else's work, including the work of other students, as one's own. Any ideas or materials taken from another source for either written or oral use must be fully acknowledged, unless the information is common knowledge. What is considered "common knowledge" may differ from course to course.

A student must not adopt or reproduce ideas, opinions, theories, formulas, graphics, or pictures of another person without acknowledgement. A student must give credit to the originality of others and acknowledge indebtedness whenever:

- Directly quoting another person's actual words, whether oral or written;
- Using another person's ideas, opinions, or theories;
- Paraphrasing the words, ideas, opinions, or theories of others, whether oral or written;
- Borrowing facts, statistics, or illustrative material; or
- Offering materials assembled or collected by others in the form of projects or collections without acknowledgement.

Education and Title VI

[Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) protects people from discrimination based on race, color, or national origin in programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. Programs and activities that receive ED funds must operate in a non-discriminatory manner. These may include, but are not limited to: admissions, recruitment, financial aid, academic programs, student treatment and services, counseling and guidance, discipline, classroom assignment, grading, vocational education, recreation, physical education, athletics, housing, and employment if it affects those who are intended to benefit from the Federal funds.

Disability accommodations

Indiana University is committed to creating a learning environment and academic community that promotes educational opportunities for all individuals, including those with disabilities. Course directors are asked to make reasonable accommodations, upon request by the student or the university, for such disabilities. It is the responsibility of students with documented physical or learning disabilities seeking accommodation to notify their course directors and the relevant campus office that deals with such cases in a timely manner concerning the need for such accommodation. Indiana University will make reasonable accommodations for access to programs, services, and facilities as outlined by applicable state and federal laws.

Students needing accommodations because of disability will need to register with Adaptive Educational Services (AES) and complete the appropriate forms issued by AES before accommodations will be given.

Adaptive Educational Services (AES) Campus Offices

- [Bloomington: Disability Services for Students](#)
- [Richmond: Disability Services](#)
- [Indianapolis: Adaptive Educational Services](#)
- [Kokomo: Accessibility Services](#)
- [Northwest: ADA ACCESSIBILITY](#)
- [Southeast: Disability Services](#)
- [South Bend: Disability Support Services](#)

Class Participation and Observance of Religious Holidays

Any student who is unable to attend classes or participate in any examination, study, or work requirement on some particular day or days because of his or her religious beliefs must be given the opportunity to make up the work that was missed or to do alternative work that is intrinsically no more difficult than the original exam or assignment. Upon request and timely notice, students shall be provided a reasonable accommodation. It is recommended that dates and times for examinations and other major course obligations be announced at the beginning of the semester or summer session and that students let instructors know of conflicts very early in the semester, so that accommodations can be made.

Students seeking accommodation for religious observances must make a request in writing by the end of the 2nd week of the semester to the campus registrar, or equivalent for non-semester length courses, to the course instructor and must use the Request for Course Accommodation Due to Religious Observance form from the campus registrar. In the case of religious holidays for which the date may change, the student should state the approximate date and when the exact date is known, inform the instructor of the exact date. The University will not levy fees or charges of any kind when allowing the student to make up missed work. In addition, no adverse or prejudicial effects should result to students because they have made use of these provisions.

Professional Conduct Policy

Students in a professional program are expected to conduct themselves as professionals in relation to the class and assignments. Full participation is encouraged as long as it is appropriate to the course content. Respect for the opinions of others is expected. Frequent lateness or professionally unbecoming class conduct are likely to result in a lowered grade or deem a student unsuitable for field placement. Students are evaluated on their personal and professional behavior or conduct in this class as described in the [NASW Code of Ethics](#).

With the exception of legally prescribed medications, any use of consciousness altering substances before, during, or between class sessions impairs learning and is unacceptable.

Electronic Devices in the Classroom

Computers may be used to support the learning activities in the classroom. These include such activities as taking notes and accessing course readings under discussion. However, non-academic use of laptops and other devices are distracting and seriously disrupt the learning process for everyone. Neither computers nor other electronic devices are to be used in the classroom for non-academic reasons. These include emailing, texting, social networking, and use of the Internet. The use of cell phones during class time is prohibited and these should be set on silent before class begins. In the case of an emergency, please step out of the room to take the call. Failure to meet these expectations may result in a loss of participation points or a request from the instructor to leave class.

Inclement Weather or Other University Emergency

Important information about closings from the university will be sent the IU campus alert system. In the event an instructor needs to cancel class, the instructor will post an announcement on Canvas or send an email to all class members.

Evaluation of Course

Consistent with the School and University policy, a formal evaluation of the course and its instructor will be completed at the end of the course.

Expectations for Writing

Effective practice of generalist social work requires excellent writing skills to communicate information accurately and concisely to others involved in helping client systems. For this reason, formal writing assignments in social work courses will be evaluated both for the content and ideas presented as well as for the clarity of that presentation. All formal papers will be typed, double-spaced and paginated. In order to support professional expectations of utilizing evidence to inform practice at all levels, APA style is to be used to cite academic sources, including in-text references and bibliography. The formal APA manual and other guides to writing in APA style are available in the bookstore and are an expected part of the textbooks for the BSW program.

Students experiencing writing difficulties are advised to seek assistance at the University Campus Writing Center.

IU Policy on Sexual Misconduct

What you should know about sexual misconduct: IU does not tolerate acts of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment and all forms of sexual violence. If you have experienced sexual misconduct, or know someone who has, the university can help. It is important to know that federal regulations and university policy require faculty to promptly report complaints of potential sexual misconduct known to them to their campus Deputy Title IX Coordinator(s) or IU's Title IX Coordinator to ensure that appropriate measures are taken and resources are made available. The university will work with you to protect your privacy by sharing information with only those that need to know to ensure the university can respond and assist. If you are seeking help and would like to speak to someone confidentially, you can [make an appointment with a Mental Health Counselor](#) on campus. Find more information about sexual violence, including campus and community resources at <http://stopsexualviolence.iu.edu/>.

Other resources:

- [Online Employee Resources Page](#)
- [Online Employee FAQs](#)

Military Withdrawal

Indiana University realizes students who are members of the U.S. armed forces may be called to active duty, specialized training, or as part of disaster relief efforts with little notice. While the following policy does NOT pertain to initial active duty training (i.e. basic training), this policy is provided in order to minimize disruptions or inconveniences for students fulfilling their unanticipated U.S. military responsibilities in the midst of an academic term/session. For the complete policy information, go to

Campus Offices

- [IUPUI: Office for Veterans and Military Personnel](#)
- [IUB: Veterans Support Services: Military Withdrawal & Leave of Absence](#)
- [IUN: VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICES](#)
- [IUSB: Office of Veteran Student Services](#)
- [IUE: Deployment, Leave of Absence or Withdrawal](#)

Administrative Withdrawal and Emergency Withdrawal

A basic requirement of this course is that you will participate in all class meetings and conscientiously complete all required course activities and/or assignment. Keep in touch with me if you are unable to attend, participate, or complete an assignment on time. If you miss more than half of the required activities within the first 25% of the course without contacting me, you may be administratively withdrawn from this course. Example: if you miss two weeks of class during the first month of the semester, you may be withdrawn. Administrative withdrawal may have academic, financial, and financial aid implications. Administrative withdrawal will take place after the full refund period, and if you are administratively withdrawn from the course you will not be eligible for a tuition refund. If you have questions about the administrative withdrawal policy at any point during the semester, please contact me.

Various circumstances, often unexpected, may force students to withdraw from an academic term or session; they include, among others, major medical issues, death in the family, job loss, divorce, etc. If students need to use the Emergency Withdrawal procedure, they MUST contact the Student Advocate:

- [IUPUI: Student Advocacy and Support](#)
- [IUB: Student Advocates Office](#)
- [IUSB: Student Services](#)
- [IUE: Dean of Students](#)
- [IUN: Dean of Students](#)

Grades of Incomplete

A grade of Incomplete (I) may be assigned by an instructor only when exceptional circumstances such as an illness, injury, or a family emergency prevents a student from finishing all the work required for the course. ***The grade of Incomplete may be considered only when a substantial portion of the course work has already been completed, the coursework is of satisfactory quality, and no more than one major exam or assignment is outstanding.*** The student who does not meet these requirements should meet with her/his advisor to withdraw from the course(s) in question. The student should refer to the Registrar's Office on her/his respective campus regarding the policies and deadline for automatic withdrawal for the semester in question.

The student is responsible for initiating the request for a grade of Incomplete. If the instructor agrees, the instructor and student complete and sign a *Record of Incomplete and Contract for Completion of Course Requirements* form to ensure that a sound educational plan and time frame for completion of course requirements have been established. Failure to fulfill the terms of this contract within the stipulated time frame may result in a failing grade. For removal of a grade of Incomplete, the student is subject to the IUSSW policy, which has precedence over the University policy. The student in the School of Social Work is expected to complete outstanding course work expeditiously, since many courses serve as prerequisites for others. Generally, students may carry no more than one grade of Incomplete at any given time. However, in cases of severe crisis, a student may work with her/his advisor to request grades of Incomplete in multiple courses.