



Division of Social Work

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Welcome new MSW students!

The Mandatory New Student Orientation will be held Friday and Saturday, July 22-23, 2011. Registration will begin at 11:30am in Room 3270 on the third floor of Odum Library. The library is located on main campus and is building 29 on the campus map.

Lunch will be provided free of charge by the Division of Social Work on Saturday. Orientation is a two day event, so be prepared to stay both days.

You will be advised and have an opportunity to register for your classes during orientation.

PRACTICUM

If you are in the **full-time two year, on-campus program**, please complete the foundation practicum application and **bring it with you on Friday**. The practicum application can be found at the following url: <http://www.valdosta.edu/sowk/field/fieldforms.shtml>. You will need Adobe Reader to open and complete this form. Please note, if you do not have Adobe Reader, you can download a free copy at this url: <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. You will not be able to save the completed Foundation Practicum application if you do not have the full version of Adobe Acrobat, so be sure to print two copies of the form before exiting the document.

NASW MEMBERSHIP AND LIABILITY INSURANCE:

You will be required to purchase student liability insurance prior to entering practicum. NASW has arranged affordable insurance through American Professional Agency, Inc. In order to purchase this insurance at the reduced rate, you must become a member of NASW. You are required to have proof of liability insurance (at least \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000) before beginning your practicum placement. Please purchase your NASW membership and Liability Insurance prior to orientation on July 22, 2011 as you will need to provide proof of insurance at orientation. It is suggested that you do not purchase the insurance until June 1st to prevent you from having to renew your coverage in the middle of your practicum. You can access the NASW membership and Insurance below.

NOTE: Only students in the full-time two year, on-campus program are required to purchase liability insurance by July 22, 2011. Students in other cohorts will not need to purchase insurance until they are ready to enter practicum (1 August 2012).

[NASW Membership Application](#)

[American Professional Agency Insurance Application](#)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Valdosta has a number of hotels that are located close to the university. You can find information on these hotels at the following url: <http://www.valdostatourism.com/>

DIRECTIONS

Directions to Odum Library from I-75N (additional directions have been enclosed):

1. Make a left at the traffic light off of Exit 18. This will put you on St. Augustine Rd.
2. Make a left on Norman Drive (you will pass the mall on your left and a Target on your right).
3. Make a right on Baytree Road (this will be the end of Norman Drive. You will see an OfficeMax in front of you and an Atlanta Bread Company on your right.)
4. Continue down Baytree Road and make a right on Oak Street.
5. Make a right onto Brookwood Drive and park in the Oak Street Parking Deck. Once you park, you will need to walk towards Oak Street, where it intersects with Baytree Road. Once you have reached Oak Street, you will need to cross over to the right side of the street and walk towards the water fountain in front of the Student Union. Pine Hall (where the Division of Social Work is held) will be on the right of the Student Union. Walk towards Pine Hall. Once you pass Pine Hall, continue to walk pass the chained link fence and make a right. This will take you to the back of Odum Library. Enter the library through the double doors.
6. Once you have entered the double doors of the library, walk past through the metal detectors and take the stairs (on your left) up to the third floor (elevators are located on the right side of the stairs). Once you reach the third floor, make a right. Room 3270 is located on the left.
7. You can find additional campus maps at the following url: <http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/diremaps/>. Odum Library is number 29 on the printable campus map.
8. Should you have difficulty locating Odum Library, please call 229-219-1392 and someone will be available to assist you.

ASSISTANCE:

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns. You may reach me via e-mail at socialwork@valdosta.edu or telephone at 229-219-1392. We look forward to meeting you!

Best Regards,
Felicia Hilson