We invite you to declare your intention for your post-BSW graduation academic option. These options within the School of Social Work are (1) to continue on into the second year of the MSW program (5th year) in the School of Social Work or (2) opt out of the 5th year and pursue other avenues on one’s own. Please review the general information and requirements detailed below prior to submitting your form. Also, please review the deadlines to ensure your form is submitted in a timely manner. Please note, all BSW seniors are required to complete the form, regardless of their intention.

Requirements for those wishing to pursue the MSW degree:
- Overall GPA at start of senior year: 3.0
- 3.25 average in social work courses taken to date
- At least a grade of B in Social Work Methods I
- At least a grade of B in SOWK 330 Social Work Practice I
- The BSW degree can be completed by the end of summer session – between May commencement and fall semester.

Note: Students who are ineligible for the 5 Year program may be eligible to apply for “Advanced Standing” in the School of Social Work and should contact Danielle Pernini at dpernini@luc.edu.

The School of Social Work reserves the right to deny continuation to the 5th year based on behavioral incidents as defined in the Loyola University Handbook (Disruptive Activity), the Student Handbook of the School of Social Work and/or violation of the NASW Code of Ethics.

Students wishing to pursue the 5th year to complete the MSW degree must turn in their completed declaration form by November 1st of their senior year, fall semester. Notification of acceptance to the 5th year will be made to students through Loyola Email system by the start of the spring semester.

BSW students who wish to specialize in “School Social Work” in order to obtain the Professional Educator License, must complete the “Declaration of Specialization” form at the same time. If accepted into the 5th year and pursuing the schools specialization must pass all sections of TAP or its eligible substitution(s) by March 15th of their senior year. Students will be formally accepted into the schools specialization before they begin interviewing for a school internship. The referral process to schools begins in the spring prior to the fall semester (second semester senior year). For additional information preparing for the schools specialization visit: http://www.luc.edu/socialwork/school_social_work_endorsement/index.shtml

Forms should be returned in hard copy to the BSW Director, LT 12th floor.
SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
APPROVAL FORM FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO MSW PROGRAM

NAME_______________________________________________________________________

LOYOLA STUDENT ID#________________________________________________________

LOYOLA EMAIL__________________________ TELEPHONE #______________________

SELECT ONE:

_____ I PLAN TO CONTINUE INTO THE MSW PROGRAM.

_____ I AM OPTING OUT OF THE MSW PROGRAM FOLLOWING BSW GRADUATION

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - To be completed by Program Director

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Student is eligible for MSW program pending successful completion – see Benchmarks above- of senior year:

_____ Yes  _____ No

Program Director’s Signature

Date

Student Notified (date) ____________________________________________

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¹ Disruptive Activity: (See Loyola Handbook)
² See School of Social Work, Student Handbook

July 2013