

## **Student Earning Grades of “Unsatisfactory” or a Letter Grade of “F”**

Graduate (MSW) students who receive an “Unsatisfactory” grade in a Field Practicum course (SWSS 6000/SWSS 6890) and undergraduate (BSW) students who receive a letter grade below a “C” in Field Experience (SWSS 4730/4740) will be able to repeat this course one additional time before being dismissed from their respective academic program.

The timing of when students can repeat the Field Experience/ Practicum course depends on a number of factors. The Field Education Coordinator will work with the student, the student’s academic advisor and the appropriate program coordinator (MSW or BSW) to make these decisions.

Sometimes these grades are known in the middle of the semester for which the student will earn the grade and sometimes they occur during the University-wide exam and grading period. Please see the policies regarding “Responding to Serious Concerns Regarding Student Progress” and Field Agency Decision to Terminate Student Placement Prior to Faculty Process” on the UVM Department of Social Work [Field Education](#) website for additional guidance.

Because there are other social work academic courses that must be taken concurrently with Field Experience/Practicum, students must work closely with their academic advisor and program coordinator for the purposes of appropriate academic planning.