TO: All Newly Enrolled Students

RE: Waiver Exams and Transfer Credit

Waiver Exams:

Students enrolling in the GSSWSR may waive by written exam certain required courses, with the exception of field instruction, the practice courses, and the required course Power, Privilege and Oppression.

- Students must have satisfactorily completed undergraduate or graduate coursework in the area in which they are taking the waiver exam.
- This coursework must be supported by an official transcript.
- Students receive one unit of credit for any waiver exam that they pass.
- Each course waived through the passage of a waiver exam will reduce by one the number of courses required for the MSS degree.
- **Waiver exams must be taken before coursework begins.** Semester I exams are: B503 – Research Informed Practice I; B505 – Theoretical Perspectives in SW I, and B517 – Social Policy Foundations. The exams will be available from June 1, 2020 at 7:00 a.m., until August 14, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.
- The waiver exam for B504 – Research Informed Practice II (a semester II course) will be available from October 26, 2020 at 7:00 a.m., until November 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Students will be reminded of the opportunity to take this waiver exams by email during the fall semester.
- To apply for waiver examinations, please complete this application form: [https://brynmawr.wufoo.com/forms/z7hapva1jh2jfy/](https://brynmawr.wufoo.com/forms/z7hapva1jh2jfy/)

Transfer Credit:

Students enrolling in the GSSWSR who have completed graduate level courses at another accredited college or university may be eligible for transfer credit.

- The GSSWSR will grant transfer credit for two foundation courses and one elective for a total of three transfer credits.
- Courses must have been taken within the last five years and a grade of “B” or better must have been earned.
- Students requesting transfer credit must provide a syllabus, an official transcript verifying the course and grade, and any other related materials needed for an assessment to be made by faculty teaching the comparable Bryn Mawr course.
- Request for transfer credit must be made before students begin the program. Materials must be submitted for faculty evaluation before August 15, 2020.
- To apply for transfer credit, please complete this application form: [https://brynmawr.wufoo.com/forms/gsswsr-transfer-credit-application/](https://brynmawr.wufoo.com/forms/gsswsr-transfer-credit-application/)

Credit for transferred and waived courses is only granted after successful completion of one semester at the Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research.

If you have any questions, please email the Dean’s Office at socialwork@brynmawr.edu