

# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REVIEW

(Please use a separate form for each proposal/course. Submit the original form to the chair of the Academic Affairs and Educational Policies Committee. Submit one copy of the request to EACH member of the Academic Affairs and Educational Policies Committee).

1. School: Arts and Sciences Department: Social and Behavioral Sciences

2. Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Social Work Program

3. Abstract of proposal: (LIMIT DISCUSSION TO 100 WORDS OR LESS).

To align with other social work programs accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, the undergraduate social program at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is requesting departmental status. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. Successful completion of the social work program qualifies graduates to apply for licensure as a social worker in the state of Arkansas and most other states. No matter what the political or economic climate, there always will be jobs for social workers as long as individuals, families, communities, and groups need assistance. Opportunities exist in a wide range of areas: child welfare; developmental disabilities; corrections; drug and alcohol abuse; mental health; health care; gerontology; family services; industry, business, and labor; and social research.

Objective: Become a department of social work instead of a program.

5. Recommended Reference materials:

N/A

6. Prerequisites (if any):

N/A

7. Content Duplication: Is this content similar to present offerings in other departments of the University? If yes, explain.

No

8. Justification: Make the justification specific in terms of the need, clientele to be served, the contribution the proposed action makes to a specific degree program, how those needs have been met in the past, and courses to be added, dropped or replaced.  
(LIMIT JUSTIFICATION TO 250 WORDS OR LESS).

Social work tends to be one of the more stable and recession-proof career field in America, and any decline in the national economy typically creates an increased demand for social services, support, and intervention. Although we live in a digital age, science and technology are not the

