DOCTORAL PROGRAM STUDENT HANDBOOK

About the Handbook

This handbook includes statements of the major policies and regulations of the Smith College School for Social Work. Faculty and students are expected to be conversant with its contents.

Statements in the Smith College School for Social Work’s Ph.D. Program Handbook should be taken as the School’s current determination of courses, programs, policies, tuition and fees as presently established. Admission to specific courses will be dependent on qualifications of the students and availability of instruction.

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