BSW Program Overview
School of Social Work

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Director of Undergraduate Programs
Why UTA?
Diversity, Excellence, Opportunity

- Carnegie “R1” Research University
- 5th Most Diverse Undergraduate Student Body in the Nation
- 2020 Best College for Vets - Ranked #1
- Hispanic Serving Institution
  (More than 25% undergraduate identify as Latinx)
  - SSW= 27%
- Graduated more African American students than any other university in Texas
  - SSW= 29%
School of Social Work Rankings

• **BSW**
  - No. 1 for [Best Colleges for Social Work Majors in Texas](http://www.bestcolleges.com) for 2019 by Zippia.com
  - No. 4 in Texas and in the top 12% in the nation by College Factual

• **MSW**
  - No. 1 in Online MSW Programs in 2018 by [BestMSWPrograms.com](http://www.bestmswprograms.com)
  - No. 2 for MSW Programs in 2019 by [Best College Reviews](http://www.bestcollege.com)
  - Top 15% of MSW Programs in 2019 by [OnlineMasters.com](http://www.onlinemasters.com), [SocialWorkGuides.org](http://www.socialworkguides.org) and [College Choice](http://www.collegechoice.com) in 2018
  - Top 10 Affordable by [College Choice](http://www.collegechoice.com), [Best Colleges](http://www.bestcolleges.com), and [affordablecolleges.com](http://www.affordablecolleges.com) (2019)
Why Social Work?

It’s the best!

- **Rewarding**
  - Make a difference!

- **In demand**
  - Overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 11% from 2018 to 2028, *much faster* than the average for all occupations (BLS, 2020)
    - 17% growth for healthcare social work
    - 18% growth for MH/SUT

- **Practical**
  - The median annual wage for social workers is $50,470 (BLS, 2020)

- **Flexible**
  - Many career options to suit varied interests and skills
Other SSW Highlights

- Amazing faculty
  - Research
  - Professional Experience
  - Teaching Excellence
- Helpful staff
- Numerous student organizations
- Quality Matters certification
- Special events
- New building coming soon!
What our students say

Craig Phillips

“The school of SSW at UTA is committed to their students beyond the classroom walls. There is always someone along the way to help me reach my personal, educational, and professional aspirations in the social work field.”

Sruthi Sundar

“I am so glad I chose UTA for my degree in Social Work. I have had an amazing experience. The program promotes diversity and inclusion. Every professor I had designed the class to be interactive with my peers and with them and they were always available and there to assist me. This allowed me to not only finish each class but actually flourish.”

Erika Gonzalez

“The SSW has provided me with so many opportunities to grow and learn as a BSW student. One of the things that I appreciate the most is how the Faculty and Administration in the SSW listen and improve the program based on our feedback.”

Craig Phillips

Sruthi Sundar

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Who are our amazing BSW Mavericks?

Around 750 BSW Students

- 95% transfer from community college
- 69% full time students
- 89% identify as female
- 54% aged 18-24
- 10% Military/Veterans
- 75% go on to pursue MSW at UTA!
BSW Curriculum Overview

- Online and face-to-face courses
- 60 hours of focused major coursework (other programs offer around 40 hours)
  - Direct Practice & Administrative Skills
  - Professionalism and Self Care
  - Diversity
  - Social Welfare Programs & Policy
- 12 hours of social work electives for career exploration
  - Disability Social Work
  - Healthcare Access
  - Green Social Work
  - Inequities in Incarceration
  - Military Social Work
  - Children & Families
  - Aging in American Society
  - The Latina Experience
  - Intro to SUD
  - Intimate Partner Violence
  - Immigration & the American Dream
- Field placement (internship)
Helping you succeed

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