National Black History Month

History
Black History Month was created by Carter Woodson, a historian from the twentieth century, who felt the role of Black Americans was not sufficient in the American history studies. Woodson was a part of an organization that explored and promoted accomplishments of Black Americans. In 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized February as Black History Month, which has now expanded to globally celebrated. President Ford encouraged Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history”.

For 2022, the theme is “Black Health and Wellness.” This will explore and showcase Black medical specialists and researchers.

Ways to Be Observe and be Involved:
• Learn about significant Black people and their influences.
• Participate in Black History Month events near you.
• Donate to charities that promote anti-racism equity and equality.
• Read books by Black authors.
• Visit Black history and culture museum exhibits.
• Watch Black history documentaries.

Source: https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month

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The Military Social Work Graduate Certificate prepares micro practice students to work with military service members, veterans, and their families in a clinical social work setting. Coursework focuses on enhancing the ability to assume advanced evidence-based practice roles in working with individuals and families.

The Military, Veteran and Family Care Graduate Certificate prepares students to work with military service members, veterans, and their families across settings. It is open to any graduate student at UTA. It focuses on military, military-connected, and veteran culture toward effectively serving these populations across various non-direct practice roles in health and social service agencies.

Talk with an advisor about how the military certificate can be added to your degree plan.

UTA Graduate students in Social Policy with Children and Adolescents from Fall 2021 had an opinion piece featured last week in The Shorthorn. What started as an assignment, their article discussed promoting advocacy in foster care due to the changes that have started because of Senate Bill 1896, the Texas Foster Care Omnibus Bill.

Read below to learn more and support our fellow classmates:


Free CEU’s from Valdosta State University
For All Licensed Clinical Social Workers

Do you need Continuing Education units? Earn those units from the comfort of your office. Click for more information.
 Advising

Need to meet with an advisor but there's no upcoming appointment available? Drop-in either in person or virtually on Wednesdays. To schedule your 30-minute drop-in time, click here. Be sure to select in-person or virtual and your advisor. Remember, drop-in sessions are on a first come basis.

Field Placements

• InPlace has a new URL! All students, agencies, and Field Instructors will need to use the new URL https://inplace.uta.edu/
• The InPlace fee is $67 per year or $130 for a lifetime. Each student will need to plan to pay the InPlace fee on the first day of class for that semester they are starting field.
• InPlace Training and Logbook Training can be found here!
• Field forms are available here!
• Field FAQ
• If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
• Are you a CAP student ready for your advanced field placement? Check out the Funding section for paid opportunities!

General

• The Spring 2022 Field Application is now closed
• Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations here.
• All students have been placed. Students should contact their field advisor if they are still awaiting placement.
• See the Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar here. InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

Field Power Hours

This is an opportunity for you to ask questions, similar to Office Hours for faculty!

• Foundation MSW
  • Field Advisor: Natalie Mangham
  • 1st & 3rd Monday of the month, 3-4
  • Click here to join the meeting
• CAP & Children & Families
  • Field Advisor: Monica Brown
  • 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 3-4
  • Click here to join the meeting
• Mental Health
  • Field Advisor: Hector Ramos
  • 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month, 3-4
  • Click here to join the meeting
• Aging & Health
  • Field Advisor: Sharon Martin
  • 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30-4
  • Click here to join the meeting

Licensing

• If you're in your final semester and want to get started on applying to ASWB to take the LMSW licensing exam, click here to request the Dean's Letter for Licensure, which UTA will send to ASWB. More info can be found on the ASWB site and our SSW licensure page.
• There's lots of great updated information about licensing in the Student Success and Advising Course on Canvas—check it out!
• Interested in the LCDC? Scroll to the end of this Licensure webpage and click on the Texas LCDC Licensing 2021 PDF for a chart that shows how different education levels can prepare you for the LCDC.

• Feeling a bit lost?
  Start with your Graduate Student Leader!

• Don't know who that is?
  Email Stacie Hill to get connected!
Mentorship Opportunity

Arlington ISD is looking to set up some of their students with mentors. Help support our community schools!

If interesting, please reach out to Stephanie Tucker at stephanie.tucker@mavs.uta.edu

The Texas Substance Use Symposium (TxSUS) represents a special time for our substance use community to come together and continue our work to strengthen the field and identify challenges and solutions for substance use. Click here for more information.
REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING

Regardless of vaccination status, all students and employees coming to campus in any capacity for the spring 2022 semester must provide proof of a viral COVID-19 test by Feb. 4, 2022. Tests taken before Jan. 3, 2022 will not be accepted. If you have any questions, contact covidtesting@uta.edu.

UTA has a number of on-campus testing options that meet the required criteria and are free. Results received from an on-campus testing option will automatically be reported to the University with no further action required on your part. UTA’s COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test, not only when you are completing a UTA testing requirement.

Results from off-campus testing sites will be accepted, though you will not be reimbursed for costs. Test results from an off-campus testing site will be uploaded to the COVID-19 Self Report portal in MyMav. If you have trouble finding or using the portal, contact the OIT Help Desk. Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC’s isolation protocols and submit the Personal Diagnosis Form.

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Covid-19 Vaccine

On Campus Covid Vaccine Clinic
Each clinic will operate on a walk-in-only basis and be held in the Group Exercise Room (101B) in the Maverick Activities Center.
• Wednesday, February 2 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Contact covidvaccine@uta.edu with any questions.
If the dates and times of these clinics don’t work for you, the COVID-19 vaccine is free and widely available in Arlington and surrounding communities. To find a vaccine or booster near you, enter your zip code into the CDC’s COVID-19 vaccine finder.

Click Here for more information.

Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Spring 2022 (English and Español) (uta.edu)
Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

Need help with an assignment, writing, or study tips? Book your FREE session at the Connections Tutoring Lab!

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19
Health Disparities

Research Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on Latina Dreamers

- Are you a female DACA participant (Dreamer)?
- Are you currently enrolled in a 4-year college or university in Texas?
- Are you interested in discussing how COVID-19 has impacted different areas of your life?

If you answered “yes” to these questions, then you may be eligible to participate in a confidential research study exploring the experiences of Latina Dreamers during COVID-19. If you are interested, please go to the link below or scan the QR code to complete the online screening.

https://hsociologywork.courseity.com/jf/69382/17863

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Rental Assistance Program
The Tarrant County Rental Assistance Program assists residents who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more details, email renthelp@tarrantcounty.com or call 817-850-7940.

Emergency Assistance Fund
UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency may apply for financial help.

Get Microsoft 365, The Wall Street Journal and Other Apps FREE with your student email!

How to gain access to SSW writing resources: Advising & Student Success Canvas

UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry Distributions
Currently distributing groceries on Thursdays only, from 9-11:45 a.m. and 2-4:45 p.m. To receive these grocery bags you must send an email to utafoodpantry@gmail.com to request a pickup time. Include student name, last four digits of UTA ID, requested grocery pickup time, choice of vegetarian, chicken, or any meat groceries.

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Tuesday Darling: tbd2290@mavs.uta.edu