



BSW Weekly Program Update

September 14, 2020



Important Updates

SSW Academic Advising

- All academic advising appointments will be done via phone or Microsoft Teams.
- Census date passed on September 11, which means that if you need to drop a class between now and Nov 6 you must complete the [drop form](#) and you will receive a W (Withdrawn) on your transcript for that course.

BSW Academic Advisors:

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Graduating in December?

All students planning to finish their degree this December must [apply for graduation in MyMav by October 1st](#). The fee is \$40. [Here](#) are detailed directions on how to apply for graduation, with screenshots. All students must apply for graduation regardless of the status of [commencement ceremonies](#). **Graduating** (getting your degree conferred/diploma sent to you) is different than **commencement** (walking at a ceremony). We do not know how the University plans to proceed with fall commencement ceremonies, but we will update you as soon as we are informed of the plans.

Social Work Licensing Update

Effective September 1, the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners (TSBSWE) has moved from Texas Health and Human Services (THHS) to being housed under the [Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council \(BHEC\)](#). We are busy gathering information on changes to the licensing process and plan to share a thorough, updated licensing overview video soon.



Field Placements

- Fall field students: Learning contracts are due September 18th!
- [InPlace Training](#) and [Logbook Training](#) recordings are available.
- Spring field applications will open on October 1st. You will receive an email with instructions on Oct 1. The field application closes on November 27th!
- Fall field calendar has been posted online [Fall Field Calendar](#)
- [Field forms are available here!](#)
- [Field FAQ](#)

Student Organization Spotlight



Undergraduate Student Leadership Program

What is the Undergraduate Student Leadership (USL) Program?

- Student leaders serve as advocates and communication facilitators for BSW students
- USLs help student get their questions answered, provide mentorship and support through their journey as a BSW student

How can my USL help me?

- Engage and facilitate ongoing connections to fellow SSW students
- Advocate your concerns and get your questions answered
- Provide updates and information within the Social Work program

How do I contact my USL?

- Your USL will make themselves available via UTA email and Microsoft Teams chats.
- If you haven't heard from your USL, are unsure of who your USL is, or have not received a response to your inquiry within 24 hours, please email BSW Intern Craig Phillips (craig.phillips@mavs.uta.edu) to get connected.

- Enhancing Communication
- Facilitating Connections
- Building Community

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SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

September is Suicide Prevention Month!



Micro-learning provides short, targeted learning experiences. Each micro-learning resource provides relevant, practical information to help you build skills and improve outcomes. SPRC micro-learning resources can be viewed at any time on any device, so they're always at your fingertips. Find more information at the link below:

[Micro Learning](#)

Help Mavericks in Need!



The [UTA/Tri-C Food Pantry](#) is in need of shelf-stable milk, oatmeal, toothpaste, and paper towels. To donate, please call 817-933-6520.

Scholarships- Apply at Any Time!

Educational Loan Fund: provides **2% interest** loans to non-degree seeking, associate, and undergraduate degree in the maximum amount of \$12,000; masters maximum of \$15,000; and doctoral-level degrees maximum of \$20,000.

Program for Continuing Education: Grant for women who have experienced a break of at least 24 consecutive months as a non-student during her adult life. This is for technical or degree programs but not a doctoral degree program. Max grant is \$3,000 and can be used for education-related expenses.

Fall Applications: Doctoral degree seeking candidates with no less than one full academic year and no more than two academic years of work remaining in their degree program. This year the scholarships awarded were in the amount of \$15,000.

Early Spring Applications: **International Peace Scholarship:** for full-time graduate degree seeking students who are international students (not from the US or Canada). Must have a full year of course work remaining. Is a need-based scholarship. \$12,500 award (or less) based on individual need.

STAR Scholarship: for graduating high school seniors; non-renewable \$2,500 scholarship. This is a highly competitive scholarship based on the following: exhibits excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular activities, community service, and potential for future success.

Fitness & Wellness



Get moving with our **LIVE exercise classes!**

Visit our [Campus Recreation Site](#) for more information.

The following classes are offered:

Circuit Express, HIIT The Deck, MixedFit, NASA Nap, Pulse Strong, Strength and Tone, Tabata, Yoga and Zumba!

Stay Safe



Stay safe and show your Maverick Spirit!
[We are all in this together!](#)

Have you tested positive?

Had close contact with someone with Covid?

- [Complete mandatory reporting form](#)
- If needed, you can:
 - Withdraw from summer classes ([Forms](#) on the website)
 - Ask professors for deadline leniency
 - Consider requesting an Incomplete
 - Contact your [USL](#), Program Director and/or Academic Advisor for additional support and guidance.

Face Covering Protocol:

To create the safest possible environment on campus, UTA implemented a mandatory face-covering protocol, effective until further notice. For more information, click [here](#).



Student and Family Listening Sessions

MANAGING STRESS AND ANXIETY DURING COVID-19

UTA COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

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Visit [TAOconnect.org](#)



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Download "Thrive at UT" on App Store or Google Play

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Call (817)272-8255



Visit uta.edu/caps for more information

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Webinar Library

Isabella Hong, an MSW Alum, graciously compiled a list of webinar resources and a video going over the basic functioning of Teams to any who may need assistance. Special thanks to Jose B. Yerena, LCPAA, who has taken over updating the list on a weekly basis!

Please note that it is necessary to ask your supervisor permission for these to count towards any required field hours.

[Social Work Webinars List](#)

[Basic Function of Teams](#)

RESOURCES

Dean Ryan's Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

The Lifeline is **FREE**, confidential, and always available.

HELP a loved one, a friend, or yourself.

Community crisis centers answer Lifeline calls.

Learn the Warning Signs.

NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE
1-800-273-TALK (8255)
suicidepreventionlifeline.org

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON
COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

MAVS talk
24 HOUR CRISIS LINE

817-272-TALK (8255)
WWW.UTA.EDU/CAPS
503 RANDOLPH HALL

Check Canvas for the MavsUnit page. To add it, please email Dayton.Williams@mavs.uta.edu

Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide

How to gain access to SSW writing resources:
[Advising & Student Success Canvas](#)

In Crisis? Text HELLO to 741741

1-800-273-8255 | 1-800-273-8255

UTA Library Accessibility

DREAMERS WELCOME

Dreamers at UTA

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 utafodpantry@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.

Emergency Assistance Fund

UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency [may apply for financial help.](#)

If you believe you have contracted COVID19, please type in **'COVID-19 Testing'** and your **zip code** into the Texas Health and Human Services to [find a testing location closest to you](#)

Parkland Financial Assistance

Texas Health and Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, help is available.

Speak with a mental health professional for help dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, grief or worry 24/7.

Call the toll-free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at (817) 933-986-1919.

WANT TO HELP IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS?

ARE YOU A STUDENT? ARE YOU A FACULTY MEMBER? ARE YOU A STAFF MEMBER? ARE YOU A COMMUNITY MEMBER?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

LENDING A HAND

COVID-19 has severely affected North Texas communities. These communities have higher rates of cases and workers considered essential who are at higher risk. These families have also fewer resources to withstand the pandemic to stay safe.

OUR GOAL: To provide financial assistance to these families to help them stay safe and healthy during this pandemic.

UTA Academic Calendar

SSW Commencement Info

If you have any questions or content suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Jessica Minniew. jac4808@mavs.uta.edu



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Diversity makes for a rich tapestry. We must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value, no matter their color; equal in importance no matter their texture.

— Maya Angelou

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