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 encourage 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 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](https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month)
The Bachelor of Science in Substance Use & Treatment (BSSUT) "The degree will use a multidisciplinary approach to understand the biological, psychological and social aspects of substance misuse," said Scott Ryan, dean of the School of Social Work. "Its curriculum for assessment and treatment methods for substance misuse are based on evidence-informed and research-supported practices that will enable students and future professionals to understand and treat individuals, families, groups and communities while preparing graduates for careers in this field."

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Degree Progress Worksheet Click Here

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BSSUT SPOTLIGHT
SPRING 2022

• Feb 23rd – Last day to drop from 1st-8 week session by 4PM
• April 1st – Last day to drop from regular session by 4PM
• March 21st – First day of 2nd-8 week session
• April 26th – Last day to drop from 2nd-8 week sessions
• March 1st – Graduation application deadline

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Apply Here

Volunteer Opportunity:

Direct Patient Care - Sitting with patients, reading, working puzzles, watching tv/movies and sharing life stories. Your time may also include Caregiver Respite where you will visit with the patient while the caregiver runs errands, takes time for themselves, or goes to appointments.

REQUIREMENTS:

Reliable Transportation
Must be at least 17 years old
Orientation with Volunteer Coordinator
Volunteer a minimum of 2 hours per week
Covid Vaccine
Background Check, Drug Test, TB Skin Test
(All provided at no charge to you)

If you are interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity, please email Susan Tomlin at susan.tomlin@encompasshealth.com
ADVISING

• Need to meet with your 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.

• If your advisor’s appointment schedule is full, please consider emailing them for email-advising, or attend their weekly Power Hour. Please check advising appointments every Monday when new availability opens up for the coming weeks.

BSW Academic Advisors:
• Valerie Adame – adamev@uta.edu
• Sabrina Earle – sabrina.earle@uta.edu

FIELD PLACEMENTS

• All students, agencies, and Field Instructors should use this URL for InPlace: https://inplace.uta.edu/
• The InPlace fee is $67 per year or $130 for a lifetime. Each student will need 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!
• If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email sswfield@uta.edu and include a screenshot of the issue.
• Field forms are available here!
• Field FAQ
• Contact Sharon Martin, LMSW, Field Advisor, with any questions! You can also connect with her during her Field Power Hours every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:00-3:30. 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 LBSW 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.
• Click here for a recording of our Social Work Licensing Information Session, held in April 2021.
• 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.

MSW ADMISSIONS

Did you know that if you pursue your MSW at UTA within 6 years of graduating with your BSW, you can finish your Masters in as fast as 1 year? We accept MSW admissions on a rolling basis. The admissions calendar can be found here. If you have any questions about the process of applying to the MSW, please contact leslie.reyna@uta.edu

• 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
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
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://uhsocialwork.coi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bI7qCSoyhSwYK1m

If you are eligible you will be contacted within 48 hours by a member of the study team about scheduling an interview that will be conducted by Zoom. Your total time of participation will be about 90 minutes and you will receive a $50 Amazon gift card for your time. Please feel free to share this link with friends/colleagues who may be interested in participating. Funding for this study was provided by the University of Texas at Arlington Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) Faculty Fellowship Program.

If you have any questions about this study, please contact the PI of our research team, Dr. Micki Washburn at Micki.Washburn@uta.edu or at 817-272-3723 or regulatoryservices@uta.edu

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

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities

COVID-19 Testing

Students and employees coming to campus in any capacity for the spring 2022 semester must provide COVID-19 testing 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. UTA’s COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test.

UTA’s 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.
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

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