



**March 21, 2023**



**SOCIAL JUSTICE SPOTLIGHT**

**The Month of March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

Developmental disabilities impair different areas in the body. Examples includes physical, learning, language and behavior. Being aware of developmental disabilities is very important. However, early diagnosis is one of the keys to limiting the impact of a disability on a child’s long-term development. During this month we encourage you to learn about the different types of disabilities and how to be a helpful resource to those who need it.

**•Share your stories.**

- **Seek support from local organizations.**
- **Help raise awareness by sharing this day on social media.**
- **Read first-hand stories by people with developmental disabilities.**
- *Look Me In the Eye: My Life with Asperger’s* by John Elder Robinson
- *How Can I Talk If My Lips Don’t Move: Inside My Autistic Mind* by Tito Rajarshi Mukhopadhyay
- *The Year My Son and I Were Born: A Story of Down Syndrome, Motherhood, and Self-Discovery* by Kathryn Lynard Soper

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## Get to know your USL



### **MAYTE LEDEZMA**

Hello everyone! My name is Mayte Ledezma, and this is my first semester serving as a USL. I am a first-generation college student in my family and expected to graduate with my BSW in Fall 2023. Afterwards, I plan to obtain my MSW in Children and Families. I am interested in becoming an international social worker in hopes to aid immigrants, refugees, and their communities. During my free time, I enjoy hiking, reading books, thrifting, and having a nice cup of coffee. Being part of the USL program, I am excited to serve students in achieving their goals and hopefully ease any problems they have. Hoping for a great semester this year!



**YOU MATTER**

### **Take a Break!**

This semester we have talked a lot about setting goals and doing what is necessary to achieve them. Well, as we are returning from Spring Break, it only seems fitting to discuss the necessity of rest!

It is important to work towards your goals to become the person you want to be; however, it also is important to rest and relax for both your physical and mental health.

According to Mental Health America, rest is significant to your learning and memory-making abilities. It also helps to restore your energy, prevent heart disease, and depression.

A good tip for getting a good night's rest include avoiding caffeine and nicotine 3 to 6 hours before bed.

As Stephen King wrote in one of my favorite books, *The Shining*, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy;" well, all work and no rest makes you unhealthy! So be sure to get some rest.

Best Wishes,

**Jordon Ward**

**The University of Texas at Arlington**

**GSW Student**



## 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.

## 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](#).
- 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](mailto:leslie.reyna@uta.edu)

## Important Dates

### Spring 2023

- **March 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Spring Break**
- **March 31<sup>st</sup>**- Last day to drop classes; submit requests to advisor prior to 4:00pm
- **March 31<sup>st</sup> Field Applications Closed**
- **April 23<sup>rd</sup>**- Registration begins for Summer 2023 & Fall 2023.
- **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**:- Last day of classes
- **May 12<sup>th</sup>: Grades Due**

## FIELD PLACEMENT Summer 23

- **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 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!
- If you are having technical difficulties with InPlace please email [sswfield@uta.edu](mailto: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](#)
- The Summer 2023 Field Application will be open Feb. 01 – March. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. These dates are subject to change. See the full Summer 2023 Field Education Calendar [here](#).

# Student Organizations

Interested  
in Social  
Work with  
Children +  
Families?



## Join the Social Workers for Children + Families Student Organization

Network with other UTA students  
Hear from professionals within the social work field



To join, scan the QR code or contact Wendy Thornell through Teams or email ([wjt6416@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:wjt6416@mavs.uta.edu))



# SSW CAP GRADUATES

SAMSW IS COLLECTING  
ALUMNI CONTACT  
INFORMATION FOR A CAP  
ALUMNI NETWORK



SCAN OR CLICK TO REGISTER!

## IPE Distinction Certificate

Interprofessional education (IPE) is “when students from two or more professions learn about, from and with each other” (WHO, 2010).

Have you participated in IPE activities while attending UTA? Want to be recognized for your hard work?

### Apply for an IPE Distinction Certificate! Requirements:

- Must have completed at least two IPE activities while attending UTA
- Must be able to discuss the IPE activities in which you participated
- Submit a copy of your resume that includes the IPE activities

To fill out an application

**CLICK HERE!**

Applications are due April 9th, 2023

Questions?

Contact: Professor Tracy Orwig  
[tracy.orwig@uta.edu](mailto:tracy.orwig@uta.edu)



## Job Opportunity

### Statewide Child Protective Investigator Virtual Career Fair

#### Same Day Interviews

**March 28, 2023**

Please RSVP:

[https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Jobs/job\\_fairs.asp](https://www.dfps.state.tx.us/Jobs/job_fairs.asp)



### Join Our Team

Working in Your Community  
to Build and Strengthen Families

#### What we do

- Investigate reports of child abuse and neglect
- Work closely with community partners
- Promote safety and well-being of children and families

#### WHAT WE OFFER

- 100% employer-paid healthcare
- Health and wellness programs
- Retirement planning
- Tuition reimbursement
- Promotional opportunities
- Holiday / annual / sick leave
- Paid classroom and field training

**Be Essential.  
Make a Difference.**



*We can change  
everything together.*



# BSW Degree Plan

Check out the BSW and BSSUT Degree Plan: Your degree plan is one of the best ways to help you stay on track toward your college goals. Your degree plan can help you plan future semesters more efficiently and communicate with your advisor. You can reference the degree plans to check if you have taken your required courses.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN** SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
**THE WORLD TALKS ABOUT CHANGE, BUT WE CREATE CHANGE.**

Name	MAV ID	Course Number - Title	Credit	Enrolled/Completed
SOCIAL WORK		SOCW 1331/ENR 1131 (for Freshmen) or SOCW 3300 (for Transfer Students)	3	
INTENDED STUDIES:		SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE SEMINAR I&II & STUDENT SUCCESS	3	
		SOCW 3308 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I	3	
		SOCW 3307 DIVERSE POPULATIONS	3	
SOCIAL WORK MAJOR STUDIES:		SOCW 3309 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE II	3	
		SOCW 3306 SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS	3	
		SOCW 3301 THEORIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR	3	
		SOCW 3303 SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND SERVICES	3	
(Must meet the BSW Major requirements to continue)		SOCW 3306 SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE III: MACRO PRACTICE	3	
		SOCW ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup> :	3	
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		SOCW ELECTIVE <sup>1</sup> :	3	
SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIP		SOCW 4451/4451 SW FIELD INSTRUCTION/ SW FIELD SEMINAR OR	9	
		SOCW 4452/4452 SW FIELD SEMINAR BLOCK PART I/SW FIELD INSTRUCTION BLOCK PART 1	9	
		SOCW 4452/4452 SW FIELD INSTRUCTION/ SW FIELD SEMINAR OR	9	
		SOCW 4456/4456 SW FIELD SEMINAR BLOCK PART 2/SW FIELD INSTRUCTION BLOCK PART 2	9	
		<b>Total SOCW hours</b>	<b>54</b>	
		<b>Total hours for Graduation</b>	<b>120</b>	

<sup>1</sup>SOCW Elective Options (a minimum of 2 SOCW electives must be at the 4006 level):  
 SOCW 3310 Environmental Justice & Green Social Work  
 SOCW 3312 Disability and Social Work  
 SOCW 3314 The Latino Experience  
 SOCW 3315 Introduction into Substance Use Disorders  
 SOCW 3320 U.S. Immigration & The SOCW American Dream  
 SOCW 4314 Intimate Partner Violence  
 SOCW 4330 Aging in American Society  
 SOCW 4336 Seminar on Women's Issues  
 SOCW 4370 Social Work in Schools  
 SOCW 4371 Inequity and Inequalities  
 SOCW 4391 or 4391: 1000 Permission of the BSW Director. Students may complete an Undergraduate Research Project or Independent Study for up to 2 Social Work Electives.

Students are responsible for enrolling in classes in MyStar.  
 This document is not a guarantee that classes will be offered every semester.

Please meet with your academic advisor prior to registration each semester to stay on track with your degree plan.

Interested in the BSSUT program? Want to minor in SUT? The BSSUT degree plan details the required courses for this degree. If you have additional questions about this degree click [HERE!](#)

# Scholarship Opportunities

ARE YOU A UTA STUDENT WHO IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY?

APPLY FOR THE  
**MAVERICK RAINBOW SCHOLARSHIP**

VISIT THE UTA  
 MAV SCHOLARSHIP AND  
 APPLY TODAY!



**IEFS**  
**INFORMATIONAL SESSION**

**UTA Study Abroad is hosting a workshop for the International Education Fee Scholarship (IEFS)!**

**Come learn about the scholarship, including how and when to apply.**

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# Upcoming Events within UTA



ANNUAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

## BLOCK PARTY

Food | Giveaways | Student Org Fair | Games!



THURSDAY  
MARCH 23, 2023

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

SWSH COURTYARD  
CORNER OF NEDDERMAN & WEST ST.

MARCH IS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

## Lavender Graduation

April 18th - 6:00PM - UC, Rio Grande



It's time to celebrate the UTA Graduates in Spring 2023 who identify as LGBTQ+! This is a celebration that family, friends, and supporters can come to recognize the students that have succeeded and overcome any barriers that have come their way.

Students can fill out this form to RSVP for the event:  
<https://bit.ly/SP23UTALavGrad>



UTA  
LGBTQ+ Program  
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

If you need accommodations to participate, please contact the LGBTQ+ Program at 817-727-3947 or [LGBTQA@uta.edu](mailto:LGBTQA@uta.edu) at least five days prior to the event date.

**Gender Exploration Support Group**

UTA Libraries, Lounge 318  
1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Fridays Weekly

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Join  
**MAV THAT ASL CLUB!**

Dedicated to producing and promoting an inclusive ASL-friendly environment.

FIND US ON  
**MAV ORGS AND DISCORD:**

**MAVS ASL**

MEMBERS HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Engage with the UTA Deaf community
- Learn about Deaf Culture
- Learn American Sign Language
- Be part of an Inclusive Community and Learning Experience



# STUDENT SUCCESS COORDINATOR

[UTA Academic Calendar](#)

[Evidence-Based Practice Research Guide](#)



My name is Traecia Nichols, I am the Student Success Coordinator for the School of Social Work. In my role I work with students who are facing crises and need help accessing university and community resources. This section will consist of resources that are available to you as a student. If you need anything of resources or have any questions or concerns, please contact me at

[traecia.nichols@uta.edu](mailto:traecia.nichols@uta.edu)

Sincerely,  
Traecia

## AVAILABLE RESOURCES

**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND**  
UTA students with a temporary financial hardship resulting from a sudden emergency may apply for financial help.

Website :

<https://www.uta.edu/student-affairs/dos/advocacy/emergency-assistance>

For Questions about EAF:  
Contact Dean of Students Office

Email: [dos@uta.edu](mailto:dos@uta.edu)

• To make a Donation or Gift:  
Contact Jim Livernois : Director of Annual Giving

Email: [livernois@uta.edu](mailto:livernois@uta.edu)

Phone: 817-272-6864

If you have any questions or content suggestion for the newsletter, please contact Maria Cruz [mxc5965@mavs.uta.edu](mailto:mxc5965@mavs.uta.edu)



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