Military Family Month

Throughout the month of November, worldwide people celebrate Military Family Month. This month recognizes the commitment families make to their service members. Spouses and children are often separated for long periods of time during training or deployment. Communication during this time can be limited. Families are also moving every few years, leaving a community they’ve grown with, and having to start with a new one. Military families create a foundation at home that gives our service people confidence and strength in the field.

Ways to Honor #MilitaryFamilyMonth
• Adopt a military family for the holidays.
• Offer to run errands for military spouses who may have their hands full with their children or even their pets.
• Volunteer or donate services to military organizations.
• Research how legislation impacts our military, veterans, and their families. Write and call your legislators.

Learning more here

Source: https://nationaldaycalendar.com/military-family-month-november/
I Bet I Know How You’re Feeling

If I was a betting man, I would put all my money on this: you’re stressed right now, like really stressed! You have too many papers to write about too many things that don’t matter to you, and too little time and physical, mental, and emotional bandwidth to do them. And while I would love to change this educational system into something much less stressful – stress is antithetical to growth and development and education should be exciting and inspiring – and into something more applicable, useful, and meaningful long-term – who remembers what they wrote in their papers last semester? - paper writing and the sometimes not very meaningful assignments is what we’re currently stuck with. So, what can you do to relieve your stress and reconnect with interest, curiosity, excitement, and inspiration in your educational, professional, and personal growth and development?

Now, this is the time or place in these posts where I usually delve into various perspectives or methods you could try, but I’m not going to do that here. I can’t. I don’t know what makes you, you. I don’t know what makes you tick. I don’t know your interests, your curiosities, your deep and meaningful reasons for taking this educational, professional, and personal journey. But you do! What is it? Why are you here? Why do you want to learn? What do you want to learn? How do you want to learn? All of these things matter, and the more you’re in touch with them, the more meaningful and exciting - and less stressful - this journey can and will be.

After you’ve really explored these questions for yourself, you may get to the point that you say, “you know what, this class or this assignment doesn’t fit with my purpose and my interests.” And you could very well be right. And if you’re feeling that right now, consider something one of the most successful professors and helping professionals once told me about success in school: “Anything not worth doing is not worth doing well.” Are all of the academic assignments you have right now worth doing well? Honestly, only you can know.

One of the biggest movements in education, currently, is inclusion. And that includes you! Search yourself, your heart, your soul, and find what matters to you. Some assignments, some classes aren’t that important for you and your needs. I’m ok with that if you are.
A D V I S I N G

• 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.

Mark  Wednesday 12:00-1:00  Click here to join the meeting
Valerie  Thursday 11:00-12:00  Click here to join the meeting

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F I E L D  P L A C E M E N T S

• 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 and include a screenshot of the issue.
• Field forms are available here!
• Field FAQ

L I C E N S I N G

• 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 Licensing 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.

M S W  A D M I S S I O N S

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

Fall 2021

• The Fall 2021 Field Application closed June 4th. No late applications will be accepted.
• All students have been placed. Students should contact their field advisor if they are still awaiting placement.
• See the Fall 2021 Field Education Calendar here.
  InPlace fee is due on the first day of class

Spring 2022

• The Spring 2022 Field Application will be open Oct. 01 – Nov. 26, 2021. These dates are subject to change. See the full Spring 2022 Field Education Calendar here.
• Read the Summer 2021 – Spring 2022 Field Accommodations here.
IMPORTANT DATES
FALL 2021

- Nov. 8 Registration begins for Spring
- Nov 25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov 26 Spring Field Application Deadline
- Dec 7 Last Day of Classes
- Dec 8 Student Study Day
- Dec 9 – 15 Final Exams
- Dec 16 – 18 Commencement Ceremonies
- Dec 16 – Jan 17 Winter Break
- Jan 18 - First Day of Classes

WEEKLY GROUP SCHEDULE

- Monday
  - 11:00-11:30 AM
  - International Student Services
  - ISIP 3.204
- Tuesday
  - 11:00-11:30 AM
  - Center for Spiritual and Ethical Engagement
  - Johnson Center

GET INVOLVED

Cocoa & Clubs
December 3, 2021, 10:00 PM - 12:00 AM
Room 8107

Please help stock up the new Maverick Pantry! Ensuring any student on campus would be greatly appreciated.

- Protein
- Pasta sauce
- Pasta
- Bread
- Eggs
- Cheese
- Snacks
- Pet Food

WIN $50!
Enter SPEAK’s Policy Brief Contest!

We will be awarding a $50 Target Gift Card to five submissions in each MSW track - that’s 25 prizes!

Email Here for more info
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**EVENTS**

On Campus Blood Drive  
Monday, November 15 – Thursday, November 18  
10:30am – 3:30 pm  
**2 Locations** UC Mall (Woolf Hall) & Library Mall

As a thank you donors will receive a long-sleeved shirt! While supplies last.

**Virtual Career Fair**  
Same Day Interviews  
November 18, 2021  
RVP - REGION31AG@utsa.edu

**The SSW Connections Tutoring Lab** is NOW OPEN!  
Please see the flyer for information and a link to book your 30 minute session— we have virtual and face to face slots available to meet your needs.

**Save the Date**  
Nov. 16—Cultural Competence & Behavioral Health Webinar  
SAMHSA and the HHS Office of Minority Health will convene a webinar:

**Advancing Behavioral Health Equity: CLAS Standards in Action**  
November 16, 2:30-3:30 PM ET

**JOIN US ON TEAMS!**  
Wed. Nov. 17th noon  
Click here to join the meeting

**Spirituality & Social Work**  
Open Discussion  
Topic: The Spirit of Compassion

**CELEBRATE WITH US, NOVEMBER’S THURSDAY TALKS & TREATS**  
Come to the SSW courtyard with your lunch and grab a DESSERT on us!  
Eat and discuss the state of affairs for a different cultural group each month and how social workers can support them.

**Email Here for more info**  
**Please contact the SSW for more information.**
REQUIRED COVID-19 TESTING

Beginning Monday, Sept. 13, students, faculty and staff coming to any UTA campus in any capacity will be selected at random for mandatory COVID-19 testing. Until further notice, 20% of our campus population, regardless of vaccination status, will be selected each week for testing. Notifications will come from covidtesting@uta.edu, and you will have seven days to get tested after being selected. 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. 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.

Remember, if you test positive, please follow the CDC’s isolation protocols and submit the Personal Diagnosis Form.

UTA’s COVID-19 testing resources are always available to you should you need or want a test; you do not need to wait until you are selected for random testing.

Covid-19 Vaccine

Click to find vaccine opportunity. Listen to UTA public health experts explain why getting a COVID-19 vaccine is beneficial for you and your community.

Required COVID-19 testing and new protective measures for Fall 2021 (English and Español) (uta.edu)

Classroom density, updated info from university on testing and return to campus

Flu Shots

Health Services recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October to be protected against flu before the start of flu season. Email the Immunization Clinic with your name, date of birth, student ID number, and phone number to schedule your free flu shot.

Dean Ryan’s Statement on COVID-19 Health Disparities
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

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"Speak up if you want to bring change to the world."
– Dr. DaShanne Spokes