COVID-19 Update
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What I’ll be covering

- Pass/Fail policy
- Field
- Graduation & Commencement
- Registration
- Summer 2020 Online Classes
- Resources
- Self-care
Acknowledgement

This. Is. TOUGH.
Pass/Fail
Pass/Fail Option
Clarifications for BSW Students

Available for all BSW coursework in Spring 2020

**HOWEVER**

- This is *optional* - you can “keep” letter grades
- Each student makes this decision *individually*
- You have until **April 28** to decide
- If you will not elect P/F, no action is needed.
Pass/Fail Option

All BSW courses can be taken pass/fail, **BUT**

- No additional limitations
- Must retake for a letter grade in future semester

**Not Prereqs**
- All electives
- SOCW 3308 (Research Methods)
- SOCW 4952 (Split Field II)
- SOCW 4955 & 4956 (Block Field)

**Prereqs**
- Everything else!
If you do elect P/F,

- P has no effect on GPA but an F does.
- If you are on academic probation, a P will not help you in increasing your GPA.
- If you are on Financial Aid, please contact the Office of Financial Aid to determine if there are financial implications.
How Do I Elect Pass/Fail?
Clarification for BSW Students

1. Consult your instructor
Discuss your options for being successful in the class

2. Email Ms. Velvet Denny (velvet.denny@uta.edu) and request to be added to our info session list

3. Attend the BSW Pass/Fail Information Session on April 17, at 11am on Teams.
   (We will send a link and post the recording.)
Field Placements
Spring 2020 Field Placements

- Formerly face-to-face field seminar sections are all online

- If you are willing and able to go to your field placement site, you may do so. Use caution to keep you and your clients safe.

- If you cannot or do not feel comfortable completing hours face to face, please work with your field instructor to arrange alternative (online) assignments to complete your internship.*

- *You must get approval from your field liaison BEFORE getting credits for the alternative assignments.

- Some students have been moved to new field placements for the remainder of the semester (mostly within SSW)
Spring 2020 Field Placements

CSWE approved 15% reduction in required hours:

**Split**
- Now: Between 204-240 hours
  - Original: Minimum 240 hours

**Block**
- Now: Between 408-480 hours
  - Original: Minimum 480 hours
Spring 2020 Field Placements

What if I get more than the minimum hours?

You can carry the additional hours over to Summer 2020.

Students need to keep track of all hours in InPlace as your Field Instructor will need to approve any carry over hours within InPlace.
Summer 2020 Field Placements

• All field seminar class sections will be online

• The field office is working on placing students in face-to-face field placements for summer where possible.

• You will be notified once a placement is made.

• The Spring reduction in hours policy applies to Summer.

• The Spring policy for alternative, online accrual of hours applies to Summer.
Fall 2020 Field Placements

- Field advisors are still working through summer placements

- Determinations about online courses, reduction in hours, and online arrangements have not been made yet

- Please be patient!
Graduation and Commencement
Graduation

• Your degree will be conferred IF:
  – You applied for graduation, and
  – successfully complete all degree requirements.

• The commencement ceremony is postponed
Registration and Future Classes
Registration is open
  • Check your MyMav Student Center for your enrollment appointment
  • Please be patient with your advisor

All summer classes are online

Instructors may choose to hold synchronous sessions at the time posted (up to instructor)

Instructors are being assigned now
Fall 2020 Class Registration

- Instructors are being assigned now
- A decision about online vs. face to face classes has not been made
What if I don’t want to learn online?

• Telehealth is:
  – Cutting edge approach to care
  – approved by Social Work Licensing Board
  – Helpful for clients with anxiety issues, e-counseling is an amazing plus

• This is an opportunity to learn new approaches

• Please see the BSW website for tips on successful online learning
Resources
USLs serve as peer mentors, advocates and communication facilitators for BSW students, fielding questions about all aspects of the undergraduate experience.

If you need help connecting with you USL, or are interested in serving as a USL yourself, please reach out to USL intern erika.gonzalez2@mavs.uta.edu

https://www.uta.edu/ssw/academics/bsw/Undergraduate-Student-Leadership-Program.php
Weekly BSW Newsletter

RESOURCES

Texas Health and Human Services
COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line
If you or someone you know is experiencing mental health issues, help is available.

- Speak with a mental health professional for help dealing with anxiety, depression, stress, grief or more. (833-986-1919)
- Call the free COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line at 833-986-1919.

MAVS UNITE
Emergency Assistance Fund

What is Mavs Unite?
We realize that you may be in need of a variety of assistance and a place to build community with fellow Mavericks. The Mavs Unite project is designed to provide you with just that. We would like to know what resources you would like; these resources will be gathered in a CANVAS page called MAVS Unite and will be updated frequently. Please respond to this survey to let us know your needs.

For Students in at least one Face to Face Course
MAVS talk
24 HOUR CRISIS LINE
817-222-TALK (8285)
www.uta.edu/caps
305 Ransom Hall

For All Students (Online and Face to face)
The Lifeline is FREE, confidential, and always available.

HELP a loved one, a friend, or yourself.

Learn the Warning Signs.

In Crisis? Text HELLO to 741741

UTA Library
Accessibility: [https://libguides.uta.edu/c.php?g=1013811](https://libguides.uta.edu/c.php?g=1013811)

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: [https://www.211texas.org/](https://www.211texas.org/)

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Self-care
Self Care

• Physical Distancing (6ft apart from others)—not Social Distancing!
• Go outside and get fresh air
• Take virtual field trips
• What activities help you connect to yourself?  
  – DO THOSE!
Self Care

Working and Studying Remote - COVID 19 Principles

1. You are not "Working and Studying From Home;" you are "At your home, during a crisis, trying to work and study."
2. Your personal, physical, mental, and emotional health is far more important than anything else right now.
3. You should not try to compensate for lost productivity by working longer hours.
4. You will be kind to yourself and not judge how you are coping based on how you see others coping.
5. You will be kind to others and not judge how they are coping based on how you are coping.
6. Your success will not be measured the same way it was when things were normal.