Semester/Year: Fall 2020  
Course Title: Clinical Assessment of Child Maltreatment  
Course Prefix/Number/Section: SOCW 5365 (formerly SOCW 6360)-004, 005, 030  
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Location: Online  

Equipment: A laptop computer with webcam (including a microphone) and wireless capability or equivalent is required for all SSW classes.  
Canvas: https://uta.instructure.com/  

A. Mandatory Face Covering Policy  
All students and instructional staff are required to wear facial coverings while they are on campus, inside buildings, and in classrooms. Students that fail to comply with the facial covering requirement will be asked to leave the class session. If students need masks, they may obtain them at the Central Library, the E.H. Hereford University Center’s front desk, or in their department. Students who refuse to wear a facial covering in class will be asked to leave the session by the instructor, and, if the student refuses to leave, they may be reported to UTA’s Office of Student Conduct.  

B. Description of Course Content  
Examines knowledge/technique in child physical/emotional/sexual abuse, physical/emotional neglect, and exploitation interventions. Includes interviewing, identification, legal issues, assessment/evaluation, case management, and intervention, follow-up. Prerequisite: SOCW 5311; Co-requisite: SOCW 5362 OR SOCW 5352 OR SOCW 5342.  

C. Student Learning Outcomes  
The Council on Social Work Education requires that accredited social work programs follow the CSWE Educational Policy and Standards (EPAS) comprised of nine core competencies as follows:  

1. Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior  
2. Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice  
3. Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice  
4. Engage In Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice
5. Engage in Policy Practice
6. Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
7. Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
8. Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities
9. Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities

Specifically, this course focuses on all nine competencies at the advanced level.

**Competency 1: Demonstrate Ethical and Professional Behavior**

Advanced social workers in children and families practice active self-reflection and continue to address personal bias and stereotypes to build knowledge and dispel myths regarding diverse family structures, families with compels family dynamics and families with multiple challenges and issues.

Advanced social workers in children and families implement an effective decision-making strategy for deciphering ethical dilemmas specific to the multiple and diverse needs of families and children.

**Competency 2: Engage Diversity and Difference in Practice**

Advanced social workers in children and families understand and can apply the relevant cultural, class, gender, race, age, disability, and other diversity issues to enhance the well-being of children and families from a strengths perspective.

**Competency 3: Advance Human Rights and Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice**

Advanced social workers in children and families recognize the stigma and shame associated with “family dysfunction.”

Advanced social workers in children and families recognize disparities in the distribution of resources across families.

**Competency 4: Engage in Practice-informed Research and Research-informed Practice**

Advanced social workers in children and families use advanced strategies to search, appraise, and select for application the most up to date evidence and evolving practice guidelines in the assessment and interventions with children and families.

Advanced social workers in children and families develop effective models, programs, policies, and interventions and assess their effectiveness using valid and reliable assessments for identifying family problems, risks and protective factors, vulnerability and resilience factors and consequences for different family groups and family members.

**Competency 5: Engage in Policy Practice**

Advanced social workers in children and families communicate to stakeholders the implication of policies and policy change in the lives of children and families.

Advanced social workers in children and families advocate for policies that advance the social and economic well-being of children and families.

**Competency 6: Engage with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Advanced social workers in children and families effectively use interpersonal skills to engage children and families in a collaborative therapeutic relationship.

Advanced social workers in children and families will be able to understand and apply the relevant organizational world views and culture that influence how families function, and can relate social work
perspectives, the evidence base and related theories to practice with multiple and complex issues that face families.

**Competency 7: Assess Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Advanced social workers in children and families use multidimensional bio-psycho-social-spiritual assessment tools.

Advanced social workers in children and families assess the quality of interactions between family members within their social environment.

Advanced social workers in children and families will be able to compare and assess the various etiology and interventions relevant to children and families.

**Competency 8: Intervene with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Advanced social workers in children and families will be able to describe empirically validated and theoretical causes, advanced assessment methods, and the most effective interventions for a variety of problems that affect children and families.

Advanced social workers in children and families develop intervention plans to accomplish systemic change that is sustainable.

**Competency 9: Evaluate Practice with Individuals, Families, Groups, Organizations, and Communities**

Advanced social workers in children and families contribute to the theoretical knowledge base in the area of children and families through practice-based research, and use evaluation of the process and/or outcomes to develop best practices with children and families.

**D. Required Textbooks and Other Course Materials**


*This book can be found online at the UTA Library; students will be required to read two chapters out of this book.

**E. Additional Recommended Textbooks and Other Course Materials**


Walls, J. (2005). *The Glass Castle*. New York: Scribner. *Please note that this book is part of the alternate assignment if students are not able to attend the UNTHSC IPE activity or Domestic Violence Simulation Activity.*

**F. Descriptions of Major Assignments and Examinations**

Continuing the course after distribution and review of the syllabus constitutes informed consent to participate in the course, per syllabus criteria. In addition to assignments listed below, each student is expected to read 100% of the assigned reading material and to come to each class (in person or online)
prepared to discuss (e.g., ask and answer relevant questions) the reading material. Students will be required to actively utilize the online program to access course assignments, required reading assignments, and to communicate with peers and the professor throughout the semester.

**Introduction Discussion Board**

**Addresses competencies: 1 and 2**

**Points: 5**

**Due Date: 10/25**

Information and the prompt will be posted online.

**Initial posts are due on Friday at 11:59pm and peer responses will be due on Sunday at 11:59pm.** Due to the interactive nature of this course discussion boards cannot be made up. Please note that if you fail to submit your discussion board on time the discussion board will be closed.

Active participation in the discussion boards is critical to ensure student learning. Students in this course are required to post an initial response to a prompt by Friday and a response to a peer by Sunday.

Each student will also need to monitor their post in case a peer asks an additional question. The assessment criteria for the course discussion boards includes evaluation of the quality and quantity of your participation in the discussion boards.

Posts, responses, and questions should be thoughtful and thorough. Students who post “I agree” or “I thought the same thing” will not get credit for the post. If you support those statements with examples, experience, or other references, then you will get credit for the discussion board.

Ensure your post has appropriate grammar and spelling, as well as APA if applicable. Your post and/or your question should address the topic for the discussion board.

You are encouraged to revisit the discussion board and respond to what your peers have posted to your response.

**Online Discussion "Netiquette":**
- Read existing postings and do not just repeat what has already been said by your peers.
- Use appropriate language. Do not use inappropriate and/or offensive language.
- Be careful with humor and sarcasm.
- Do not use ALL CAPS in an online environment.
- Be respectful of your peers. Treat everyone equally as if you were communicating face to face.

**See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.**

**Case Exercise Discussion Board-Questions 1-3**

**Addresses Competencies: 2, 6, 7 & 8**

**Points: 10**

**Due Date: 11/1**

During Module 2 student will pick an area of focus from the book *Understanding Child Maltreatment: An Ecological and Developmental Perspective*; this book can be accessed through UTA's online library. Students can choose from the following:

- Chapter 3 & 4-Infancy and Toddlerhood-Case Exercise located on pp. 96-98
- Chapter 5 & 6-Early Childhood-Case Exercise located on pp. 138-140
- Chapter 7 & 8-Middle Childhood-Case Exercise located on pp. 187-188
- Chapter 9 & 10-Adolescence-Case Exercise located on pp. 242-244

Students will read both chapters and complete the Case Exercise Questions 1-3, that are located at the end of the chapters regarding Ecological and Developmental Assessment of Maltreatment and Intervention. Students will post their answers to the discussion board: Case Exercises 1-3

Student's discussion board post should contain the area of focus: Infancy and Toddlerhood, Early Childhood,
Middle Childhood or Adolescence at the top of their post and the case exercises questions as subheading in the post. Students will need to utilize APA for their discussion posts.

Students will not be able to see their peer’s responses to the case exercises questions until they have posted their answers. Students will need to post their responses to the case exercises questions by Friday at 11:59pm.

Students will need to respond to one (1) peer who focused on a different area by Sunday at 11:59pm. For example, if a student answers their questions about the Infancy and Toddlerhood Case, then they will need to pick Early Childhood, Middle Childhood or Adolescence to respond to. Students will need to discuss two (2) things that they learned from their peer's post.

Due to the interactive nature of this course discussion boards cannot be made up. Please note that if you fail to submit your discussion board on time the discussion board will be closed.

See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.

UNTHSC Interprofessional Education (IPE) Activity
Addresses competencies 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

15 total points (see below for the breakdown of the 15 points)

Students will participate in an online IPE activity with various health professions. Individuals working with child welfare agencies may engage with health care professionals while working a case. IPE allows social workers to learn about other health care professionals, as well as teach health care professionals about our roles as social workers.

Students will need to sign up for a session by 10/22. The online IPE activity will take place on 10/28 at 1pm or 3pm OR 11/4 at 1pm or 3pm via an online format. The activity will take place for about 1 hour 50 minutes.

If students are unable to attend the IPE activity and alternative assignment (Domestic Violence Simulation) will be assigned. Students must contact the instructor on 10/22 if they are unable to attend the specific dates and additional information about the alternative assignment will be provided. There are a limited number of spots at each session.

Know and Wonder Chart

5 points

Due Date: 10/27

Before the IPE activity students will complete the first two columns of the KWL chart; Know and Wonder. The KWL Chart will be posted online for students to access and complete.

See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.

Attendance

5 points

10/28 at 1pm or 3pm OR 11/4 at 1pm or 3pm online. The instructor will be notified of any student who does not attend the event. The event starts on time. If students are more than 5 minutes late, they will not be able to enter the IPE activity. Students who do not participate in the activity will not receive credit for attending.

Learn chart and reflection

5 points
Due Date: 11/8

After each IPE activity students will complete the third column of the KWL Chart; Learn, as well as a reflection component about the IPE. The KWL Chart will be posted online along with the reflection questions for students to access and complete.

See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.

Case Study or Topic Presentation

Points: 20
Due Date: During Modules: 3, 4, and 5

*Please note that Module 5 has both Neglect and Emotional/Psychological Maltreatment as topics, therefore that week there will be two discussion boards that students will be submitting presentations to.

Case Study

Addresses the Competencies 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9

Points: 20
Due Date: During Modules: 3, 4, and 5

Please note students can choose to complete this assignment individually, with a partner, or in a group of up to 3 people. A discussion board title “Partner Presentations” will be available. Students who want to work with a partner may post in there and then determine how they want to communicate once they have identified a partner. Both students will be responsible for submitting the assignment under the "Assignments in the online course."

The purpose of this assignment is to develop presentation skills and familiarize students with other case situations; therefore, students will record a 15-minute visual presentation (PowerPoint, Prezi, Google, etc.) on a case of child maltreatment. The presentation can be an actual case or one from a documented source. Students may include 1 short video that is no longer than 2 minutes in their presentation. Students will post their presentation to the discussion board for that week by Sunday at 11:59pm. For example, if a student is discussing physical abuse it will need to be posted to the corresponding discussion board title “Physical Abuse Presentations”.

Students will also need to submit their presentation under “Assignments” for the instructor to grade. Student’s case study presentation will include the following:

History of client and family:
Description of history of client and family, and reason for referral to agency. (If using an actual case, be sure to maintain client’s confidentiality by disguising all references to them.)

Assessment:
Identification of client’s problems or needs as you understood them. Include a brief assessment, especially of client’s strengths and challenges that are related to the presenting problem.

Interpersonal & Intrapersonal:
Interpersonal dynamics within the family

Intrapersonal issues (individual family members: history of abuse? mental illness? etc.)

Environmental Factors:
Environmental factors impacting the case (economic, housing, transportation, etc.)

**Intervention Plan:**

Description of your intervention plan including the short- and long-term goals for the child and family? Was your intervention a part of a larger plan implemented by others? If so, what part did you play in it?

**Evaluation:**

Evaluation of the intervention. How effective is/ was the intervention in achieving the desired goals?

**Reaction and Reflection:**

Personal reaction: describe your personal reactions to the case (were there any unexpected developments that impacted your approach or impacted your reactions?
*If you choose to do a case study with a partner or in a group, all individuals will need to include their personal reaction.

Reflection: In reflecting on the case, is there anything you would do differently if faced with a similar case in the future?)

Students will need to include a reference page in the presentations. If students utilize a direct quote it needs to be cited in proper APA format. The presentations should be your own, in your own words. You may present information from a source and elaborate on it in the presentation.

*See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.*

**Topic Presentation:**

*Addresses the Competencies 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9*

Points: 20

Due Date: During Modules: 3, 4, and 5

*Please note students can choose to complete this assignment individually, with a partner, or in a group of up to 3 people. A discussion board title "Partner Presentations" will be available. Students who want to work with a partner may post in there and then determine how they want to communicate once they have identified a partner. Both students will be responsible for submitting the assignment under the "Assignments in the online course."

If you are not currently working in an agency or have past experience with a child maltreatment case, students have the option to complete a presentation on one of the topics in the course (physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect (physical or medical), or emotional/psychological maltreatment. If students want to focus on another topic related to abuse, they must contact the instructor for approval prior to submitting the topic presentation.

Students will record a 15-minute visual presentation (PowerPoint, Prezi, Google, etc.) on a topic from the course. Students may include 1 short video that is no longer than 2 minutes in their presentation. Students will post their presentation to the discussion board for that week by Sunday at 11:59pm. For example, if a student is discussing physical abuse it will need to be posted to the corresponding discussion board title "Physical Abuse Presentations". Students will also need to submit their presentation under “Assignments” for the instructor to grade.

The topic presentation should include:

**Overview**

Clearly state the magnitude of the problem and explain specifically why and how this problem is important

**Impact of the issue**

Establish how widespread and serious the issue is by identifying the size of the population affected (within
a designated geographic area - county, state or nationally). Utilize statistics or information from reports.

**Programs and Policies**
What programs and policies exist to address this issue/problem? Include both locally (county or state) and nationally? Include links or website information to the programs in your presentation.

**Barriers**
What factors or barriers (legal, social, etc.) exist that prevent resolution of the problem?

**Actions and Advocacy**
Identify specific actions that can be taken to address the issue. Describe and make a persuasive argument for a solution which is based upon evidence (established best practice and/or evidence-based programs)

Students will need to include a reference page in the presentations. If students utilize a direct quote it needs to be cited in proper APA format. The presentations should be your own, in your own words. You may present information from a source and elaborate on it in the presentation.

*See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.*

**Presentation Questions-Discussion Boards**
*Addresses the Competencies 1 & 2*
Total Points: 24 point (4 at 6 points each)
Due Date: During Modules: 3, 4, and 5

**Physical Abuse Presentation Questions=6 points**

**Sexual Abuse Presentation Questions=6 points**

**Neglect Abuse Presentation Questions=6 points**

**Emotional and Psychological Maltreatment Presentation Questions=6 points**

Students will need to post a minimum of 2 questions to two different case study/topic presentations during each week of case studies.
Students will need to have a thoughtful question related to the student’s presentation. Questions will need to be posted by Friday at 11:59pm.

The week that you post your presentation you still must post 2 questions to 2 different presentations.

Example:

Obi Wan posts a presentation about physical abuse.
Leia posts a presentation about physical abuse.
Jyn posts a presentation about physical abuse.

Obi, Jyn and Leia need to ask two questions of two different presenters.
Obi posts questions to Jyn and Leia. Leia posts questions to Jyn and Obi. Jyn posts questions to Leia and Obi.

*Please note that Module 5 has both Neglect and Emotional/Psychological Maltreatment as topics, therefore that week there will be two discussion boards that students will need to review two presentations in each discussion board that Module.*

Due to the interactive nature of this course discussion boards cannot be made up. Please note
that if you fail to submit your questions by Friday at 11:59pm you will not receive credit for those questions.
Discussion Board posts are not accepted late and cannot be made up.
See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.

Responses to Questions-Discussion Board
Addresses the Competencies 1 & 2
6 points
Due Date: During Modules: 3, 4, or 5

The week that students submit their case studies they will need to also monitor their posts throughout the week and respond to their peer’s questions. Peer questions will need to be submitted by Friday night and students who submitted their presentation will have until Sunday at 11:59pm to respond to the questions. Discussion Board posts are not accepted late and cannot be made up.
See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.

Case Exercise Discussion Board-Questions 4-7
Addresses Competencies: 2, 6, 7 & 8
Points: 15
Due Date: 12/6

During Module 7 student will pick an area of focus from the book Understanding Child Maltreatment: An Ecological and Developmental Perspective; this book can be accessed through UTA's online library.
Students may choose the same area of focus for this Case Exercise as they did in the Case Exercise Questions 1-3 assignment. Students can choose from the following:
Chapter 3 & 4-Infancy and Toddlerhood-Case Exercise located on pp. 96-98
Chapter 5 & 6-Early Childhood-Case Exercise located on pp. 138-140
Chapter 7 & 8-Middle Childhood-Case Exercise located on pp. 187-188
Chapter 9 & 10-Adolescence-Case Exercise located on pp. 242-244

Students will read both chapters and complete the Case Exercise Questions 4-7, that are located at the end of the chapters regarding Ecological and Developmental Assessment of Maltreatment and Intervention.
Students will post their answers to the discussion board: Case Exercises 4-7.

Student’s discussion board post should contain the area of focus: Infancy and Toddlerhood, Early Childhood, Middle Childhood or Adolescence at the top of their post and the case exercises questions as subheading in the post. Students will need to utilize APA for their discussion posts.

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Due to the interactive nature of this course discussion boards cannot be made up. Please note that if you fail to submit your discussion board on time the discussion board will be closed.

See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.

Discrimination in the Child Welfare System Discussion Board
Addresses competencies: 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7

Points: 5

Due Date: 12/13

Information and the prompt will be posted online.

Initial posts are due on Friday at 11:59pm and peer responses will be due on Sunday at 11:59pm. Due to the interactive nature of this course discussion boards cannot be made up. Please note that if you fail to submit your discussion board on time the discussion board will be closed. Active participation in the discussion boards is critical to ensure student learning. Students in this course are required to post an initial response to a prompt by Friday and a response to a peer by Sunday.

See grading rubric online for additional grading criteria.

PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS- GENERAL INFORMATION AND EXPECTATIONS

All papers must follow APA guidelines. At a minimum this means:

Points will be deducted if you do not follow these guidelines. See the following website for additional help with APA format:
http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/

Written work must be clear, concise, and grammatically correct. Deficiencies in areas such as spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, and incoherent organization will result in lower grades. As stated, plagiarism (using someone else’s words, thoughts, or ideas and claiming them as your own – e., using direct sentences written by others) will result in a failing grade for the course. Please use formal and professional language when completing papers and assignments for this course (i.e., Discussion Boards, Biopsychosocial Assessment). This includes refraining from the use of contractions (e.g., can’t, don’t, won’t).

**Unless otherwise indicated by the instructor, all designated assignments must be submitted through the online learning management system.

Assignments will not be accepted via email. Hard Copies are not to be turned in unless specified otherwise.

Participation in the course includes active engagement in the online setting and completion of module specific activities over the course of the semester.

Extra Credit:

As the instructor for the course, I reserve the right to provide extra credit. Please do not assume that extra credit will be offered. If an extra credit opportunity is offered, it will have a specific due date, which will be strictly adhered to. At the end of the semester, please do not ask to for additional time to complete extra credit opportunities or additional extra credit opportunities, they will not be provided or opened back up to be turned in after the due date. Students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of any extra credit opportunities that are provided.

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Case Study OR Topic Presentation  
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Modules: 3, 4, or 5

Presentation Questions-Discussion Board (4 at 6 points each)  
24  
Modules: 3, 4, and 5

Responses to Questions-Discussion Board  
6  
Modules: 3, 4, or 5

Case Exercise Discussion Board-Questions 4-7  
15  
Initial: 12/4  
Peer: 12/6

Discrimination in the Child Welfare System Discussion Board  
5  
Initial: 12/11  
Peer: 12/13

Total Points  
100

G. Attendance

At The University of Texas at Arlington, taking attendance is not required but attendance is a critical indicator in student success. Each faculty member is free to develop his or her own methods of evaluating students' academic performance, which includes establishing course-specific policies on attendance. However, while UT Arlington does not require instructors to take attendance in their courses, the U.S. Department of Education requires that the University have a mechanism in place to mark when Federal Student Aid recipients "begin attendance in a course." UT Arlington instructors will report when students begin attendance in a course as part of the final grading process. Specifically, when assigning a student a grade of F, faculty report the last date a student attended their class based on evidence such as a test, participation in a class project or presentation, or engagement online via Canvas. This data is reported to the Department of Education for federal financial aid recipients.

Information specific to modality and meeting times for this course are provided in the section below.

As the instructor of this section, it is expected that you engage in each module. Missed online activities will adversely affect your grade. Additional requirements for the course:
A respectful and inclusive online environment is expected. Any disruption of the course learning environment will result in the identified student(s) being required to meet with the professor.
Meaningful class participation is one of the requirements of the university. For this online course, participation includes regularly accessing the course, thoughtful and thorough contributions to the discussions and questions, class activities engagement and constructive interaction with peers and the instructor.
Online activities may not be made up as the purpose of the activity is to focus on student engagement in the online classroom with peers and/or the professor.

H. Grading

*Note: Assignments and exams are not accepted past due dates unless arrangements are made with the instructor PRIOR to the due date. Late assignments may be accepted under extreme circumstances and at the discretion of the instructor and may result in a deduction of 5 points per day that the assignment is late (2 days late=loss of 10 points).
All assignments due by 11:59p on the day of the due date. All papers must be grammatically correct using APA style. Papers with many grammatical errors and misspellings will not receive a satisfactory grade.
Expect the instructor to grade assignments within two weeks of the due date. Please do not ask when grades will be assigned before the two-week period. If a student has a question regarding his/her grade check the gradebook on Canvas. Federal law and FERPA ensure a student’s right to privacy and limits the instructor’s ability to discuss grades over the internet or via phone. Do not email about your grades from an email account other than Mav Mail. If you would like to discuss your grade, an appointment will need to be made with the professor.
Students are expected to keep track of their performance throughout the semester and seek guidance from available sources (including the instructor) if their performance drops below satisfactory levels; see "Student Support Services," below.

Suggestions for earning a good grade:
The professor welcomes questions regarding course materials. Here is how to get the most out of asking questions:
First-Read and view the assignments and the syllabus
Second-Ask your question regarding the course materials through an e-mail to the professor or the “Course Q and A” Discussion Board. Please keep in mind that asking a question regarding the course materials before you turn in your assignment is much better than asking your question about your grade.
The instructor reserves the right to give a grade of “F” for the course as whole to any student found guilty of plagiarism of any assignment by the Office of Student Conduct. Please see “Plagiarism Information” online for additional resources.

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I. Make-Up Exams

There are no exams for the course.

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J. Course Schedule

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K. Expectations for Out-of-Class Study

Beyond the time required to attend each class meeting, students enrolled in this course should expect to spend at least an additional three hours (for each hour of class or lecture per week) of their own time in course-related activities, including reading required materials, completing assignments, preparing for assignments and exams, and reviewing online content, etc.

L. Grade Grievances

See BSW Program Manual at:
https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/programs/bsw/bsw-manual
Or MSW Program Manual at:
https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/programs/msw/msw-manual

M. Student Support Services

UT Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. Resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, academic success coaching, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals, students may visit the reception desk at University College (Ransom Hall), call the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107, send a message to resources@uta.edu, or view the information at the Division of Student Success webpage.

The IDEAS Center (2nd Floor of Central Library) offers free tutoring to all students with a focus on transfer students, sophomores, veterans, and others undergoing a transition to UT Arlington. To schedule an appointment with a peer tutor or mentor email IDEAS@uta.edu or call (817) 272-6593.

The UT Arlington School of Social Work community is committed to and cares about all of our students. If you or someone you know feels overwhelmed, hopeless, depressed, and/or is thinking about dying by suicide or harming oneself or someone else, supportive services are available. For immediate, 24-hour help call MAVS Talk at 817-272-TALK (817-272-8255). For campus resources, contact Counseling and Psychological Services online or call (817)272-3671, or UT Arlington Psychiatric Services (817-272-2771 or visit https://www.uta.edu/caps/services/psychiatric.php) for more information or to schedule an appointment. You can be seen by a counselor on a walk-in basis every day, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM in Ransom Hall, Suite 303. Getting help is a smart and courageous thing to do - for yourself and for those who care about you.

N. Librarian to Contact

The Social Sciences/Social Work Resource Librarian is Brooke Troutman. Her office is in the campus Central Library. She may also be contacted via E-mail: brooke.troutman@uta.edu or by phone: (817)272-5352.

The following is a list of commonly used library resources:

- Library Home Page
- Library Services
O. Drop Policy

Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student’s responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. For more information, contact the **Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.**

P. Disability Accommodations

UT Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), The Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA), and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.* All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide “reasonable accommodations” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of disability. Students are responsible for providing the instructor with official notification in the form of a letter certified by the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD). Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Students experiencing a range of conditions (Physical, Learning, Chronic Health, Mental Health, and Sensory) that may cause diminished academic performance or other barriers to learning may seek services and/or accommodations by contacting:

**The Office for Students with Disabilities, (OSD)** [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability) or calling 817-272-3364. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at [www.uta.edu/disability](http://www.uta.edu/disability).

**Counseling and Psychological Services, (CAPS)** [www.uta.edu/caps/](http://www.uta.edu/caps/) or calling 817-272-3671 is also available to all students to help increase their understanding of personal issues, address mental and behavioral health problems and make positive changes in their lives.

Q. Non-Discrimination Policy

*The University of Texas at Arlington does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, genetic information, and/or veteran status in its educational programs or activities it operates. For more information, visit [uta.edu/eos](http://uta.edu/eos).*

R. Title IX Policy

The University of Texas at Arlington (“University”) is committed to maintaining a learning and working environment that is free from discrimination based on sex in accordance with Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities; Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VII), which prohibits sex discrimination in employment; and the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE Act). Sexual misconduct is a form of sex discrimination and will not be tolerated. **For information regarding Title IX, visit [www.uta.edu/titleIX](http://www.uta.edu/titleIX) or contact Ms. Michelle Willbanks, Title IX Coordinator at (817) 272-4585 or titleix@uta.edu**

S. Academic Integrity
Students enrolled all UT Arlington courses are expected to adhere to the UT Arlington Honor Code:

_I pledge, on my honor, to uphold UT Arlington’s tradition of academic integrity, a tradition that values hard work and honest effort in the pursuit of academic excellence._

_I promise that I will submit only work that I personally create or contribute to group collaborations, and I will appropriately reference any work from other sources. I will follow the highest standards of integrity and uphold the spirit of the Honor Code._

UT Arlington faculty members may employ the Honor Code in their courses by having students acknowledge the honor code as part of an examination or requiring students to incorporate the honor code into any work submitted. Per UT System Regents' Rule 50101, §2.2, suspected violations of university's standards for academic integrity (including the Honor Code) will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. Violators will be disciplined in accordance with University policy, which may result in the student’s suspension or expulsion from the University. Additional information is available at [https://www.uta.edu/conduct/](https://www.uta.edu/conduct/). Faculty are encouraged to discuss plagiarism and share the following library tutorials [http://libguides.uta.edu/copyright/plagiarism](http://libguides.uta.edu/copyright/plagiarism) and [http://library.uta.edu/plagiarism/](http://library.uta.edu/plagiarism/).

**T. Electronic Communication**

UT Arlington has adopted MavMail as its official means to communicate with students about important deadlines and events, as well as to transact university-related business regarding financial aid, tuition, grades, graduation, etc. All students are assigned a MavMail account and are responsible for checking the inbox regularly. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, which remains active even after graduation. Information about activating and using MavMail is available at [http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php](http://www.uta.edu/oit/cs/email/mavmail.php).

**U. Campus Carry**

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes as prohibited. Under the new law, openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/](http://www.uta.edu/news/info/campus-carry/).

**V. Student Feedback Survey**

At the end of each term, students enrolled in face-to-face and online classes categorized as “lecture,” “seminar,” or “laboratory” are directed to complete an online Student Feedback Survey (SFS). Instructions on how to access the SFS for this course will be sent directly to each student through MavMail approximately 10 days before the end of the term. Each student’s feedback via the SFS database is aggregated with that of other students enrolled in the course. Students’ anonymity will be protected to the extent that the law allows. UT Arlington’s effort to solicit, gather, tabulate, and publish student feedback is required by state law and aggregate results are posted online. Data from SFS is also used for faculty and program evaluations. For more information, visit [http://www.uta.edu/sfs](http://www.uta.edu/sfs).

**W. Final Review Week**

For semester-long courses, a period of five class days prior to the first day of final examinations in the long sessions shall be designated as Final Review Week. The purpose of this week is to allow students sufficient time to prepare for final examinations. During this week, there shall be no scheduled activities such as required field trips or performances; and no instructor shall assign any themes, research problems or exercises of similar scope that have a completion date during or following this week unless specified in the class syllabus. During Final Review Week, an instructor shall not give any examinations constituting 10% or more of the final grade, except makeup tests and laboratory examinations. In addition, no instructor shall give
any portion of the final examination during Final Review Week. During this week, classes are held as scheduled. In addition, instructors are not required to limit content to topics that have been previously covered; they may introduce new concepts as appropriate.