

Bachelor of Science Substance Use and Treatment

About This Program

The Bachelor of Science in Substance Use & Treatment (BSSUT) uses a multidisciplinary approach to understand the biological, psychological, and social aspects of substance use disorders and related behaviors. Assessment and treatment methods are based on evidence-informed practices to enable students and future professionals to understand and treat individuals, families, groups, and communities.

The BSSUT degree plan is designed to prepare you for a career in substance use treatment or to lay the foundation for you to pursue a graduate degree in a related field.

Competencies

1. Transdisciplinary Foundations: upon completion, students will have an understanding of addiction, treatment knowledge, application to practice, and professional readiness.
2. Practice Dimensions: upon completion, students will have an understanding of clinical evaluation; treatment planning; referral; service coordination; counseling; client, family, and community education; documentation; professional & ethical responsibilities.

Admissions Criteria

Students interested in the BSSUT must first apply to UTA or be a current UTA student and then select or switch to Substance Use & Treatment as your intended major. Once admitted to UTA or already a current UTA student, you must complete the following Substance Use & Treatment requirements before transitioning from Intended-SUT major an official SUT major:

1. A "C" or better in all SUT and Social Work courses taken
2. A Minimum 2.25 overall GPA
3. Completion of the SUT-Intended coursework and at least 30 hours toward the required Core Curriculum

Curriculum

Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree requirements/generalcore requirements/>) 42

Students must complete specific courses within certain core areas.

For Communication select:

ENGL 1301	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I
ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II

For Government/Political Science select:

POLS 2311	GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
POLS 2312	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

For Mathematics select:

MATH 1301	CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS (Or other Math course approved for Math Core)
MATH 1308	ELEMENTARY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS (or other statistics course approved by Director of Undergraduate Programs)

For Social and Behavioral Science select:

SOCW 2302	HUMAN BEHAVIOR AND THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT
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For U.S. History select:

HIST 1301	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865
HIST 1302	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT

For Component Area Option select:

PSYC 1315	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY
For Life and Physical Science two of the following are preferred: BIOL 1333, BIOL 1334, BIOL 1441, BIOL 1442, BIOL 2457, BIOL 2458, CHEM 1345, CHEM 1346, CHEM 1451, GEOL 1330	

Courses Required for Transition to the BSSUT Major

SUT 3300	STUDENT SUCCESS & PROFESSIONALISM IN SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT (SUT 3300 or SUT 1331 for non-transfer students)	3
SOCW 3305	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I	3
SOCW 3307	DIVERSE POPULATIONS	3

SUT 3315	INTRODUCTION TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS	3
Professional Courses		
SOCW 3301	THEORIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR	3
SUT 3303	SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND SERVICES	3
SUT 3309	SUT PRACTIC II	3
SUT 3318	SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, & ENGAGEMENT	3
SUT 3319	TREATMENT PLANNING, COLLABORATION & REFERRAL	3
SUT 3321	SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT	3
SUT 3322	PROFESSIONAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY	3
SOCW 4344	HEALTH INSURANCE AND ACCESS TO CARE	3
SOCW 4371	INEQUITIES AND INCARCERATION	3
SOCW 3308	SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS	3
Students will take the following Practicum and Seminar courses concurrently:		
SOCW 4451 & SOCW 4551	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM SEMINAR I and SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM INSTRUCTION I	9
(Or SUT 4555 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PRACTICUM INSTRUCTION AND SUT 4455 SEMINAR BLOCK PART 1)		
SOCW 4452 & SOCW 4552	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM SEMINAR II and SOCIAL WORK PRACTICUM INSTRUCTION II	9
(Or SUT 4556 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT PRACTICUM INSTRUCTION AND SUT 4456 SEMINAR BLOCK PART 2)		
Electives sufficient to complete the 120 hours required for the degree ¹		18
Recommendations: African American Studies Minor, Disability Studies Minor, Diversity Studies Minor or Certificate, Mexican American Studies Minor, Psychology Minor, Public Health Minor, Social Justice and Social Welfare Minor, Sociology Minor, Spanish Minor, Women's and Gender Studies Minor		
Total Hours		120

¹ No more than four hours of activity (EXSA/DNCA) can be used toward a degree for either hours or GPA

Program Completion

To complete the filed internship, students must:

1. Earn a "C" or better in all BSSUT courses
2. Have a minimum 2.25 BSSUT & Overall GPA
3. Earn acceptable evaluations in all BSSUT courses.

Advising Resources

Please read all student emails carefully and review the frequently asked questions. These resources are intended to provide help when you need it. If you want to meet with your advisor, please sign up for an appointment as early in the semester as possible.

Location:

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817-272-3687

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Advising FAQ (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/programs/advising/advising-faqs/>)