

Bachelor of Science Substance Use & Treatment

Overview

The [Bachelor of Science in Substance Use & Treatment \(BSSUT\)](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/programs/bssut/) (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/social-work/programs/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. We have several options for you in completing your degree, including both face to face and online options.

Requirements for a BSSUT Degree

Courses Required for Transition to the BSSUT Major

SOCW 3300	SOCIAL WORK PROFESSIONALISM AND STUDENT SUCCESS (SUT 3300 or a combination of SUT 1231 and UNIV 1131)	3
SOCW 3305	SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE I	3
SOCW 3307	DIVERSE POPULATIONS	3
SUT 3315	INTRODUCTION TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS	3

General Education Requirements

ENGL 1301	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I	3
ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II	3
MATH 1301	CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS (Or other Math course approved for Math Core)	3
MATH 1308	ELEMENTARY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS (or other statistics course approved by Director of Undergraduate Programs)	3
POLS 2311	GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES	3
POLS 2312	STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT	3
HIST 1301	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES TO 1865	3
HIST 1302	HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, 1865 TO PRESENT	3
SOCW 2302	LIFE SPAN DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR	3
PSYC 1315	INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY	3
3 hours Language, Philosophy and Culture		3
6 hours of Science preferably from the following list: BIOL 1333, BIOL 1334, BIOL 1441, BIOL 1442, BIOL 2457, BIOL 2458, CHEM 1345, CHEM 1346, CHEM 1451, GEOL 1330		6
3 hours Creative Arts		3

Professional Courses

SOCW 3301	THEORIES OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR	3
PSYC 3318	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
ECON 2337	ECONOMICS OF SOCIAL ISSUES	3
SUT 3318	SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, & ENGAGEMENT	3
PSYC 3303	DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR	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 3308	SOCIAL WORK RESEARCH METHODS	3

Students will take the following Field and Seminar courses concurrently:

SOCW 4451 & SOCW 4551	SOCIAL WORK FIELD SEMINAR I and SOCIAL WORK FIELD INSTRUCTION I (Or SUT 4555 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION AND SUT 4455 SEMINAR BLOCK PART 1)	9
SOCW 4452 & SOCW 4552	SOCIAL WORK FIELD SEMINAR II and SOCIAL WORK FIELD INSTRUCTION II (Or SUT 4556 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION AND SUT 4456 SEMINAR BLOCK PART 2)	9

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.

Field Work Requirements

The BSSUT Program requires two consecutive semesters (split placement) or one full semester (block placement) of field experience in a single agency focused on substance use disorder treatment. Once necessary pre-requisites are complete and students have a 2.25 or better GPA, students enroll in the field courses (SUT 4951 Field Instruction and Seminar I, first semester; SUT 4952 Field Instruction and Seminar II, second semester; or SUT 4955 AND 4956 to complete Field Work in one semester [AKA Block]) and complete 240 clock hours per semester in their assigned agency. Field placements are arranged early in the preceding semester by applying through the field office. Students should consult with a BSSUT academic advisor to ensure completion of pre-requisites for field.