



# Office of Sustainability

Sustainability Committee Meeting Agenda

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October 1, 2025

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## *Code of Conduct for Engagement and Participation*

*Participate fully, mutual respect, assume good intention, and acceptance of shared responsibility!*

## **Sustainability Committee Attendees**

- Abeer Almughrabi, Department of Civil Engineering
- Charlie Brooks, Procurement and Payment Services
- Erick Jones, Department of Industrial, Manufacturing, and Systems Engineering
- Lauren McLain, Office of Facilities Management
- Mari Duncan, Apartments & Residence Life
- Todd Smith, Parking & Transportation Services
- Deden Rukmana, Department of Public Affairs & Planning
- Courtney Liang, Maverick Pantry
- David Arditi, Master of Multidisciplinary Studies Program Director
- Kelly Bergstrand, Department of Sociology
- Hannah Thornton, University Center Operations
- Molly Baggett, Maverick Dining
- John Hall, Administration and Economic Development
- Arpita Bhatt, Department of Civil Engineering
- Meghna Tare, Office of Sustainability
- Grant Rodriguez Amlani, Office of Sustainability

## **Agenda**

1. [The Master of Multidisciplinary Studies \(MMS\)](#) – Director David Arditi [darditi@uta.edu](mailto:darditi@uta.edu)

The Program provides students the opportunity to earn a graduate degree that builds marketable skills and knowledge in two or more complementary fields of study.

David will also share about the Certificate in Sustainability that we are collaborating on.

2. The Bike Barn- Morgan Chivers, Maker Literacies Librarian for Experiential Learning  
Starting in Fall 2025, UTA is introducing a new [Bike Loan Program](#)- a pilot initiative offering semester-long access to reclaimed bicycles and drop-in repair services. This program supports UTA's sustainability goals and is a joint effort between Parking & Transportation Services, UTA Libraries, Student Affairs, and the Sustainability Office.

3. Sustainability in Dining- Molly Baggett, Marketing Manager Chartwells

4. [Campus Sustainability Month](#) events- Grant Amlani, Sustainability Program Manager  
International celebration of sustainability in higher education where colleges and universities organize events on campus and elsewhere to engage and inspire incoming students and other campus stakeholders to become sustainability change agents.

5. Open Discussion



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## Agenda

- Master of Multidisciplinary Studies (David Ardit)
- Bike Library (Morgan Chivers)
- Sustainability in Dining (Molly Baggett)
- Campus Sustainability Month (Grant Amlani)
- Open Discussion

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# Master's of Multidisciplinary Studies

**David Arditi**

Graduate Advisor - Multidisciplinary Studies  
Professor of Sociology



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## Master's of Multidisciplinary Studies

- The Master's of Multidisciplinary Studies at the University of Texas at Arlington provides the flexibility for students to earn their master's degree, while fitting their personal needs on their timeline.
- Possibilities
  - UX Research
  - Sports Data
  - Sustainability Management



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# Master's of Multidisciplinary Studies

30 Credit Hours

- Area 1
  - Graduate Certificate
    - 9-15 hours
  - At least 12 hours from this field
- Area 2
  - At least 9 credit hours in a different field
  - Second Graduate Certificate an option



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## Questions?

- David Arditi
  - [darditi@uta.edu](mailto:darditi@uta.edu)
  - [mmsadvising@uta.edu](mailto:mmsadvising@uta.edu)



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# Bike Library Program

Morgan Chivers,  
Maker Literacies Librarian for Experiential Learning



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Sustainability Committee updates on the

## UTA BICYCLE LENDING

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Morgan Chivers

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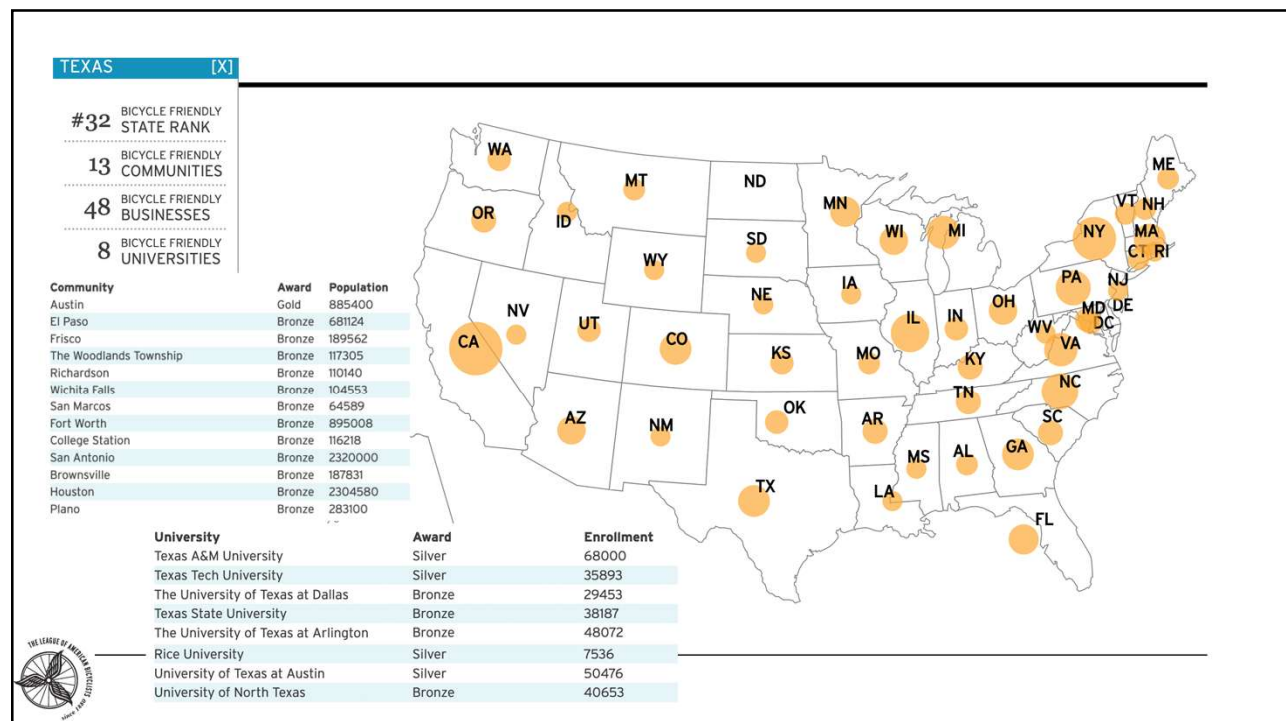
For Clarity:

## UT ARLINGTON IS A BICYCLE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY



## ARLINGTON IS NOT A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

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## ARLINGTON DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

**Total Population: 394,266**

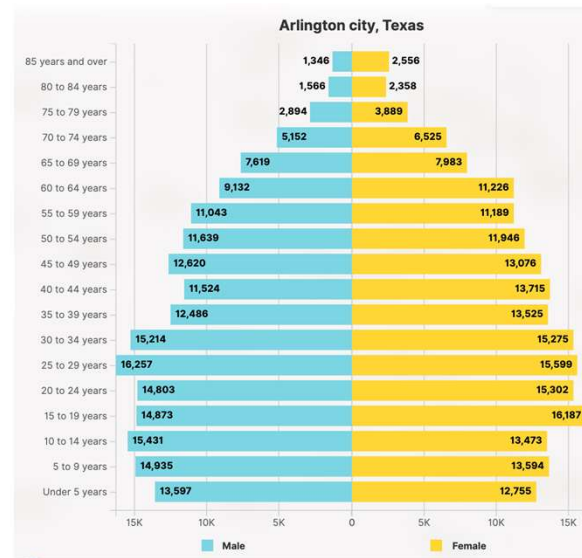
### Age and Sex

**34.7**  $\pm$  1.1

Median Age in Arlington city; Texas

**35.5**  $\pm$  0.1

Median Age in Texas



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## ARLINGTON DEMOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION

### Income and Earnings

**\$59,889**  $\pm$  \$3,284

Median Household Income in Arlington city; Texas

**\$66,963**  $\pm$  \$513

Median Household Income in Texas

### Poverty

**11.9%**  $\pm$  2.0%

Poverty, All people in Arlington city; Texas

**14.2%**  $\pm$  0.3%

Poverty, All people in Texas

**\$10,729**

Avg cost to own/operate car 2022 according to AAA

**No mass transit system**

**\$350-\$500/Year**

Bicycle Maintenance

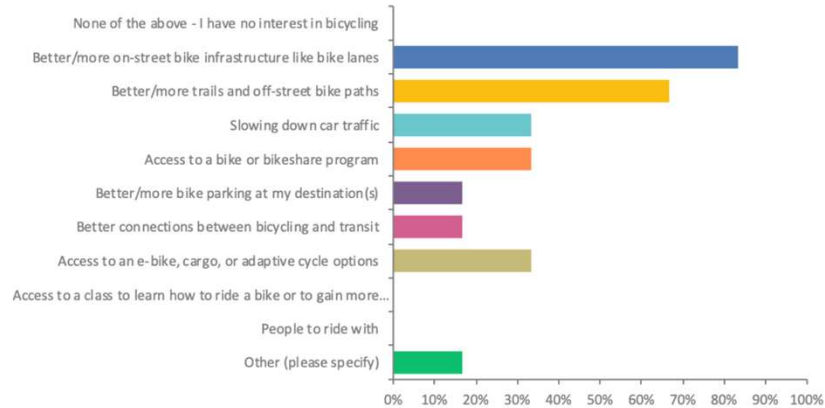
According to Bicycle Magazine



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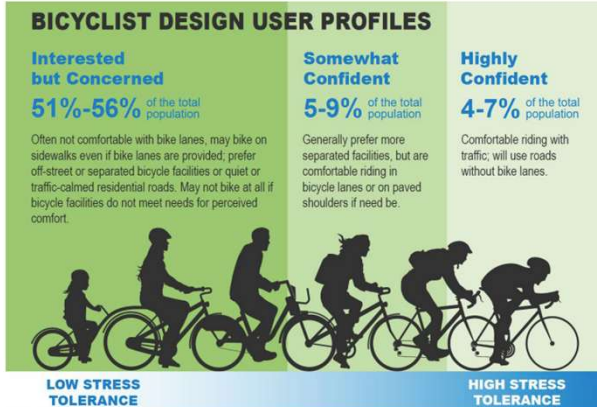
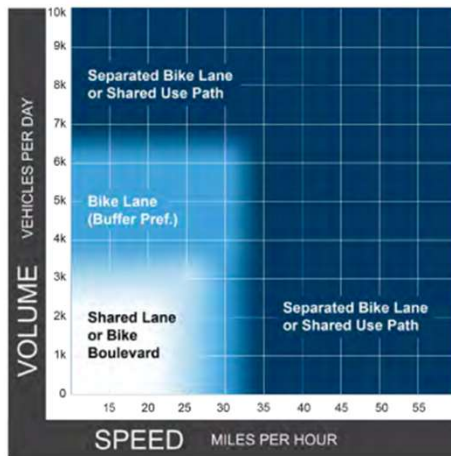


## WHAT CHANGE WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN CHOOSING TO COMMUTE BY BICYCLE?



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## INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CYCLISTS

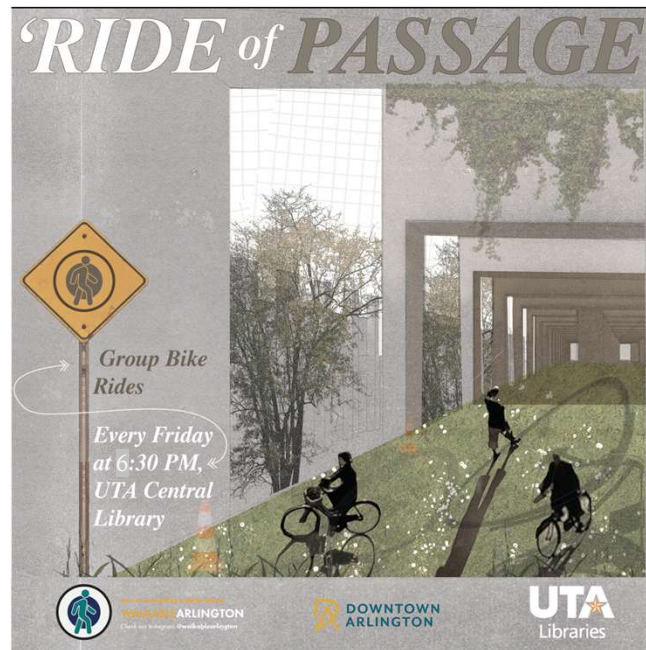


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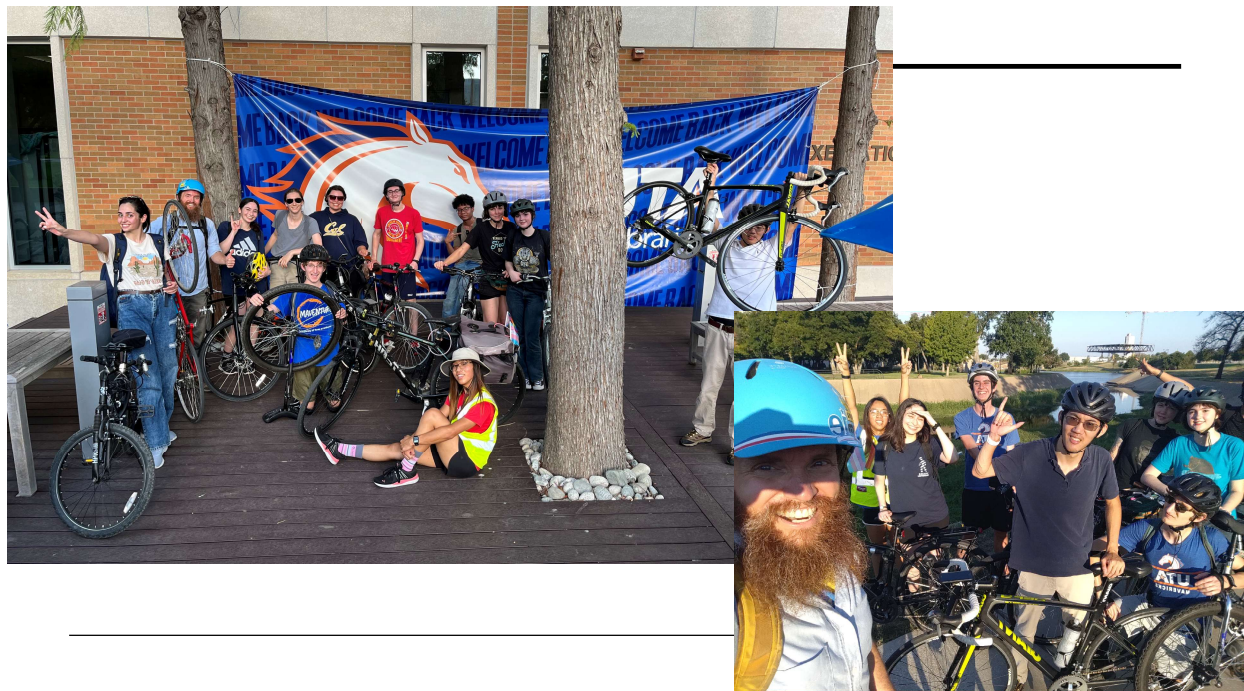


## WEEKLY COMMUNITY BIKE RIDES

- Everyone is welcome
- New Route every month
- Last Friday of every month ends at an eatery
- No-Drop inclusive ride : )



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# UTA BIKE BARN

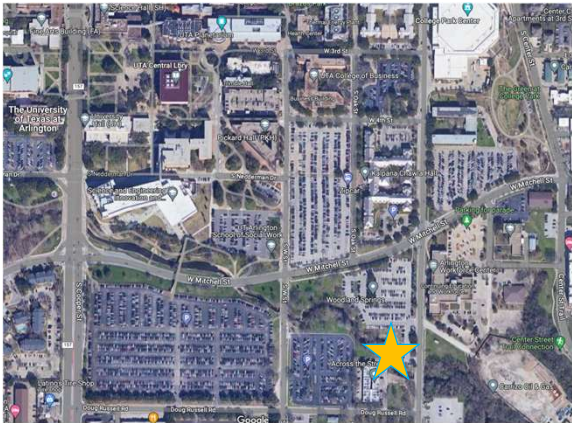

- Circulating bicycles (for free) as a campus resource
- Semester-long checkout period

UTA Bike Barn

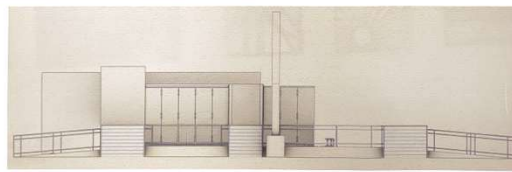
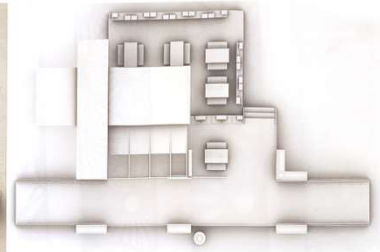
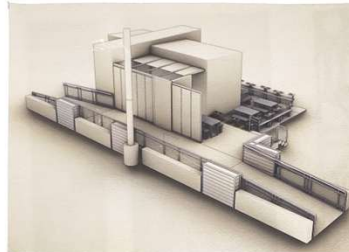
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# UTA BIKE BARN (PHASE 2)

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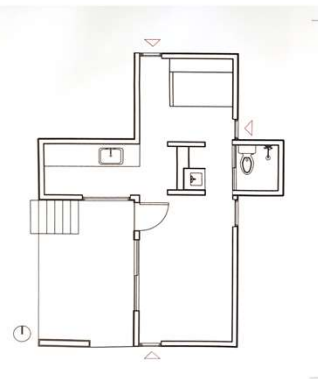


UTA BIKE LIBRARY  
FINAL DESIGN

ARCH 4556 DESIGN BUILD  
BRAD MCCORMICK

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## UTA BIKE BARN (PHASE 2)



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## UTA BIKE BARN (PHASE 2)



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## UTA BIKE BARN (PHASE 2)



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## UTA BIKE BARN (PHASE 3)



- 28 bikes currently loaned
  - 169 students on the waiting list
  - 10 bikes in final prep or ready to be loaned, or issued and awaiting pick up
  - Roughly 50 additional bikes in various stages of repair in PaTS storage
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**Maverick Dining Sustainability**

Molly Baggett,  
Marketing Manager

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**Teaching KITCHEN**  
LEARN • COOK • ENJOY

**WASTE NOT SHAKER SALADS**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH**  
MAVERICK CAFE  
2PM - 3:30PM  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

**MAVERICK DINING**

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# GET SAUCY

**Connection Cafe**  
**October 9th**  
**5pm and 6:30pm Seatings**

**IS GREEN EVENT CERTIFIED!**

**Compostable Plates & Utensils:** All wings and sauces served on eco-friendly materials.

**Reusable Glasses:** Cutting down single-use plastics.

**Food Scrap Composting:** Leftovers repurposed instead of wasted.

**Reduced Waste Goal:** Minimal trash headed to landfills.

**Sustainability in Action:** Showing dining events can be fun and eco-conscious.

**Hot wings for guests, cool impact for the Earth.**  
**RSVP by scanning the QR code!**



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## Eco-Friendly Practices with Maverick Dining

**Compostable To-Go Containers:** Now a standard in residential dining.

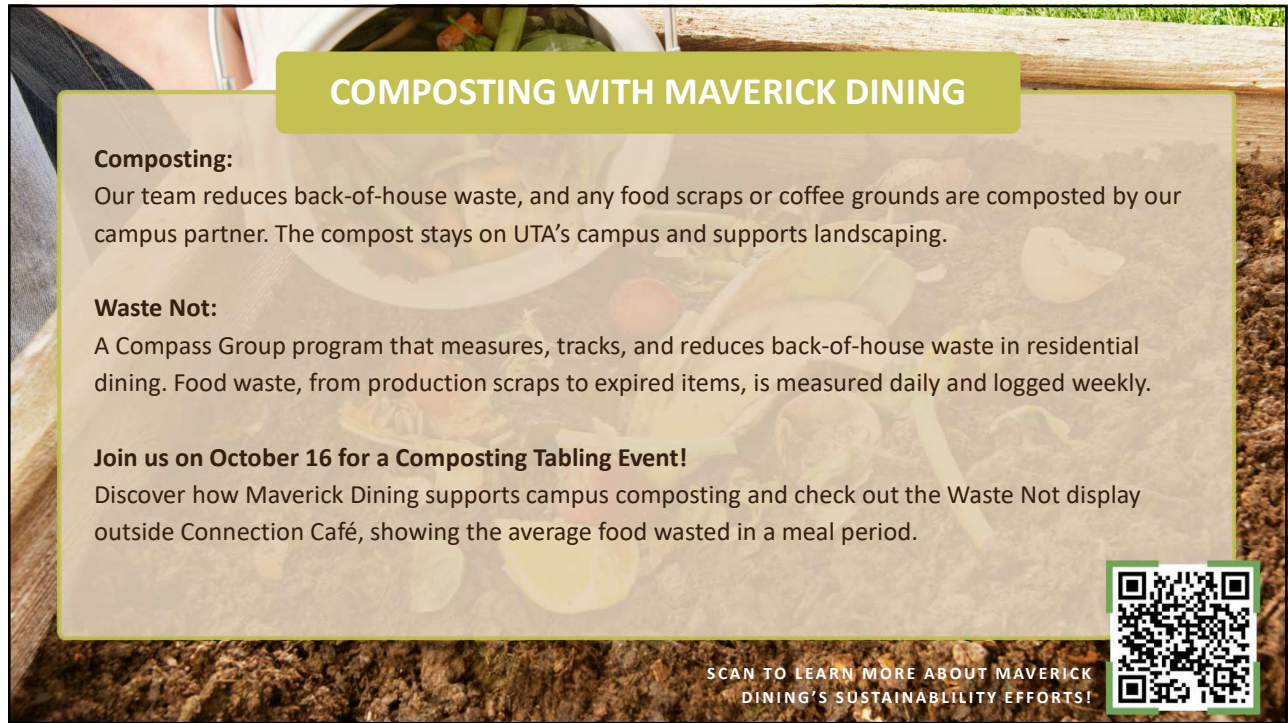
**Catering Events:** Disposable options replaced with compostable/biodegradable plates & utensils. Reusable dishware prioritized for catered meals.

**Lower Waste Impact:** Fewer plastics and Styrofoam in landfills.

**Eco-Friendly Alternative:** Every meal served supports campus sustainability goals



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## COMPOSTING WITH MAVERICK DINING

**Composting:**


Our team reduces back-of-house waste, and any food scraps or coffee grounds are composted by our campus partner. The compost stays on UTA's campus and supports landscaping.

**Waste Not:**

A Compass Group program that measures, tracks, and reduces back-of-house waste in residential dining. Food waste, from production scraps to expired items, is measured daily and logged weekly.


**Join us on October 16 for a Composting Tabling Event!**

Discover how Maverick Dining supports campus composting and check out the Waste Not display outside Connection Café, showing the average food wasted in a meal period.




SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MAVERICK  
DINING'S SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS!

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# Campus Sustainability Month

Grant Rodriguez Amlani,  
Sustainability Program Manager



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## Background Campus Sustainability Month

- International celebration of sustainability in where colleges and universities organize events to engage and inspire students and other campus stakeholders to become sustainability change agents.
- Initiative of the AASHE (Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education)



## Planning & Promotion

- Sought to expand campus relationships and engagement with new partners
- Collaborating with nearly a dozen campus departments and student organizations
- Promoted through:
  - Sustainability Newsletter
  - Instagram (@gogreenuta)
  - Tabling events
  - MavWire and Trailblazer
  - Flyers
  - Partner Channels
  - UTA Event Calendars (MavEngage, UTA Events Calendar)
- Serve as a test run for Earth Month in April

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NEWSLETTER  
SIGN-UP →





## Planned Events



### CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY MONTH CALENDAR OCTOBER 2025

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 World Vegetarian Day 12:15 - 12:45 PM Mindful Moments Under the Stars w/ UTA Counseling & Psychological Services @ The Planetarium	2 11AM - 2PM Voter Registration Tasting Hosted by Student Government @ Library Mail	3 5 - 10PM Group Bike Ride w/ Walkable Arlington meeting @ Central Library	4
6 National Voter Education Week Begins 10AM - 12PM Compost Volunteering w/ Eco-Reps @ UTA (500 Summit Ave)	7 10AM - 3PM Voter Registration Tasting Hosted by Student Government @ Library Mail	8 12:15 - 12:45 PM Mindful Moments Under the Stars w/ UTA Counseling & Psychological Services @ The Planetarium	9 2 - 4PM Resource Sharing Open House & Tour w/ Creative Spaces & Services @ Central Library 3 - 5PM Get Saucy w/ Maverick Dining @ Connection Cafe	10 5 - 7PM Group Bike Ride w/ Walkable Arlington meeting @ Central Library	11 8 - 12PM Julia Berger Linear Park Trail Cleanup w/ Walkable Arlington EcoMays: EWB and ASCE meeting @ UTA Bike Library (1100 S Pecan St)
13 10AM - 12PM Compost Volunteering w/ Eco-Reps @ UTA (500 Summit Ave)	14	15 12:15 - 12:45 PM Mindful Moments Under the Stars w/ UTA Counseling & Psychological Services @ The Planetarium	16 World Food Day 12 - 2PM Swap Shop w/ MaxPantry @ Brazos Park	17 2 - 5:30PM Teaching Kitchen Cooking Class w/ Maverick Dining @ Maverick Cafe 6 - 7PM Group Bike Ride w/ Walkable Arlington meeting @ Central Library	18
20 10AM - 12PM Compost Volunteering w/ Eco-Reps @ UTA (500 Summit Ave)	21 10PM UTA V.O.L.S. Volunteer Fair @ Palo Duro Lounge	22 12:15 - 12:45 PM Mindful Moments Under the Stars @ The Planetarium	23 12 - 6 PM Fix-It Fair w/ Creative Spaces & Services @ Central Library	24 5 - 10PM Group Bike Ride w/ Walkable Arlington meeting @ Central Library	25
27 10AM - 12PM Compost Volunteering w/ Eco-Reps @ UTA (500 Summit Ave)	28	29 1 - 2 PM Financial Literacy w/ UTA EOC @ UC Palo Pinto 3 - 4PM "Atlas of a Changing Earth" showing @ The Planetarium	30	31	

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## General Updates

- November 15: UTA Homecoming (America Recycles Day)
  - Soles4Souls shoe drive collaboration with Athletics
- Residential Composting launched at The Heights on Pecan Apartments
- Notes on Recycling:
  - Blue Roller Carts are for paper and cardboard only
  - Green Roller Carts are for e-waste only
    - Excluding batteries (please check website for instructions)
    - Next pick-up scheduled November 14
  - Bin inventory project started to identify existing bins



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