

**BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK
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Dear Fellow Graduate Students,

First of all, welcome to the 2009-10 academic year here at Baylor. To the returning students, we ask for your continued support and further input in creating an environment on campus where graduate students can thrive. To the new students, we would like to extend to you a special invitation to become involved with the Graduate Student Association (GSA). We serve the interests of graduate students by representing your concerns to the Baylor faculty, administration, and staff, and by providing services which are more effectively addressed as a group. In addition, the GSA organizes and co-sponsors social and academic events. All Baylor graduate students are automatically official GSA members, and we encourage you to consider the following possibilities for getting involved:

- **Attend GSA Council meetings:** The council meets every fourth Thursday of the month from 6-7 p.m. in Morrison 120. At these meetings information is shared about campus issues affecting graduate students. All graduate students are encouraged to attend and get involved as this is where decisions are made that affect you.

- **Become a Department Representative:** Each department with graduate students selects one representative and one alternate to attend GSA Council meetings and share information with the students in their department. A GSA Representative votes on all major issues facing graduate students. Please let your graduate program director know if you are interested in being nominated to serve as a representative or alternate.

- **Become a Committee Representative:** As an active student organization, the GSA is invited to sit on a number of University committees and work with important issues that affect graduate students. The GSA needs graduate student representatives who are willing to sit on those committees to represent our interests and to report back with the details of the committee business.

- **Stay in communication with your Department Representative.** If you cannot make it to council meetings, let your representative know your opinion on the issues as it is their job to represent you. The council functions best with input coming from every corner of campus, so let your voice be heard!

- **Watch your email for announcements of GSA Events**

We will email all graduate students about GSA academic and social events such as Graduate Scholarship Forums, picnics at Cameron Park, awards for outstanding graduate students and teachers, grant-writing workshops, and more.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at: gsa@baylor.edu. We look forward to hearing from you throughout the coming year!

Thanks, and once again, welcome to Baylor!

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RESEARCH SUPPORT

Baylor Honor Code

Baylor University students, staff, and faculty shall act in academic matters with the utmost honesty and integrity. [Baylor University Honor Code](#)

Libraries

Baylor has eight libraries. For the names, locations, special focuses, and hours for each of them see [Baylor Libraries](#).

Moody/Jones Library

The "Central Libraries" are composed of Moody Memorial Library (opened 1968) and Jesse H. Jones Library (opened 1992). These two libraries, connected with a corridor on first and second floors, together serve as the main library facility on campus.

Moody & Jones Hours:

Mon-Thur 7:00am-1:00am

Fri: 7:00am-10:00pm

Sat: 9:00am-10:00pm

Sun: 1:00pm-1:00am

Armstrong Browning Library

The primary mission of the Armstrong Browning Library is to serve as a "library of record" of research materials relating to Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning; to acquire, preserve, and provide access for effective use of these materials and its other collections; and to promote opportunities for the study, appreciation, and understanding of the Brownings and the wider field of 19th-century literature and culture by the Baylor community, the larger academic community, and the general public.

Texas Collection

The Texas Collection is a special collection library in the Baylor University Library System. A special collection library has a focused holding of materials on a particular subject—in this case, Texas. By committing to a single focus, a special collection library provides a deeper understanding of the subject. The Texas Collection's holdings document the development of the Texas region from the earliest North American explorations to the present day.

The Basics

Here are three basic things you need to know as you begin using the libraries:

1. Bring your Baylor **ID Card** to the library each time—you must have it to check out materials or to use items on reserve.
2. The **BearCat terminals** located throughout the libraries provide electronic access to a large variety of search engines.

3. Although there is a general rule that you may only check out books from the Baylor libraries while you are currently enrolled in classes, graduate students are allowed to check out books if they have proof of Fall enrollment. During the summer, you need only be enrolled in one of the two summer sessions to obtain lending privileges for the entire summer term. If for some reason you are unable to enroll for classes but will need access to the library, inquire at the Circulation Desk about getting a [TexShare](#) card through the Waco-McLennan County Library. Be aware that you must have a Waco Library card in your possession for six months and be a patron in good standing (no lost or overdue books) before you are eligible to apply for a TexShare card.

Library Checkout Services

Baylor provides [checkout services](#) for many resources. Some include books and other materials, CDs, DVDs, iPods, [Laptop/Projector Checkout](#), Reserves, and [Inter Library Loans](#).

OsoFast

Occasionally, students may be unable to obtain the resources they need from Baylor's libraries. In those instances Baylor's interlibrary loan system, [OsoFast](#) is a valuable resource. OsoFast allows students to check out materials from participating libraries. Before students use this service, they should check BearCat to see if Baylor owns the item(s) they need. If the items cannot be accessed students can request them using OsoFast's online system and may log on using their Bear ID and password. Adding the OCLC or an ISBN will speed things up considerably, especially for hard-to-find requests. Students will be notified by email when the materials arrive. In some cases students may pick up books at the circulation desk and retrieve journal articles/book chapters through Baylor's E-doc delivery service. Books can also be renewed online through Osofast within 3 days of their due date if allowed by the sending library. Students can visit the [Interlibrary Services](#) office located near the entrance to Jones Library to return books retrieved through OsoFast. The ILL staff can also help with hard-to-find books and articles.

Electronic Resources

Another key research tool for graduate students is the variety of [electronic resources](#) available on the library's website.

Information Technology Services (ITS)

Technology services for Baylor graduate students are similar to the services for our undergraduates with the following exceptions:

Successful use of technology is critical to student success. At Baylor, the central technology organization is Information Technology Services (ITS). The ITS website is <http://www.baylor.edu/its>. This site includes information on setting up computers for access to Baylor's campus wireless network – AirBear. Another important source of IT information for students is the student technology support group within the Electronic Library. Their website (<http://www.baylor.edu/lib/stutech/>) gives details of that support.

An additional option for 24x7 assistance with computing issues is the Baylor ITS online self-service portal. This website (<https://buselfservice.baylor.edu/selfservice/>) requires login with a BearID and password and includes answers to questions about certain software products (like Microsoft Office components) as well as answers to questions specific to Baylor, like how to reset a BearID password. Also remember to check the ITS DOWN telephone line (710-DOWN) for information when it appears there may be a general campus IT outage.

Computer and information security is critically important. Baylor's IT security program is called BearAware (<http://www.baylor.edu/its/bearaware>). Please take time to review this website which includes information on passwords, worms/viruses, and phishing, as well as the quarterly BearAware Bulletins. To help keep their computers functioning efficiently, students can download Symantec AntiVirus for no cost at by following this path on the Web: <http://www.baylor.edu/its> → Help → Software and then clicking the link for "At-Home Software." Always remember that no valid request from Baylor will ask for a username or password through an email!

The ITS Computer Repair Shop primarily works on University-owned computers. However, they will do some trouble-shooting and repairs for individuals when possible. That phone number is 710-6520. The shop is located in the same parking garage as the Baylor Bookstore.

Baylor students are eligible for certain software at a reduced price through the University's Microsoft Campus Agreement. Students can obtain (with a valid, active student ID card) one copy of Microsoft Office for either Windows or the Macintosh at the Baylor Bookstore. Discounted versions of Windows OS upgrades and Adobe software are also available at the bookstore.

Printing

[Printing](#) is available in many locations on campus. Baylor's print management system, called PawPrints, includes over 80 printers, many of which have duplexing capabilities. Graduate students receive 600 pages per semester.

Student Homepages

Graduate Students may have an individual [student home page](#) at Baylor using WordPress MU, a blogging technology, or through their individual BearSpace accounts. For those who have limited time to develop a site and want to take advantage of interactive features such as RSS feeds, blogging, and multimedia, we recommend WordPress. However, if you enjoy "getting under the hood" and writing your own HTML code, then BearSpace is for you.

Interfolio

You're considering fellowships or assistantships; or grants; or postdoctoral or full-time faculty positions - and [Interfolio](#) is the best way for you to apply to all of them. Interfolio is an online Academic Career Portfolio management service for graduate students, specifically designed to help you reach the next step in your career path. They provide state-of-the-art tools that make it painless for you to apply instantly to any career opportunity.

With Interfolio, you get complete control to collect your letters of recommendation and other important credentials, easily manage them online and securely deliver them to any destination, for any academic or professional opportunity.

An Interfolio Portfolio can help you communicate your qualifications and expertise, meet all of your application requirements and get the positions you want. You tell them exactly when and how to deliver your credentials – electronically, on paper, or even “I-need-to-hit-this-deadline-I-just-found-out-about-yesterday” overnight express delivery – and have the peace of mind knowing that they’ll take care of you and help you pursue every professional opportunity that comes your way. For more information check them out online:

<http://www.interfolio.com/candidates/phd>

Submitting a Dissertation or Thesis to BEARdocs

BEARdocs is Baylor's repository for scholarly materials produced by faculty and students. All Baylor dissertations and thesis are deposited in BEARdocs. [Learn more about submitting your dissertation or thesis](#)

Virtual Private Network (VPN)

In an effort to increase the security of Baylor University's information technology systems, off campus access to many information technology resources is limited. However, a student can get VPN access with sponsorship from a faculty member. Contact StudentVPN@baylor.edu for more information.

Computer Labs

Baylor provides students with convenient access to computers in a variety of locations across campus. See [computer labs](#) to see all locations.

Graduate Student Payroll Information

The documents in the chart below should be completed before you begin working. Please take care of all paperwork as soon as you are on campus. This paperwork stays in the payroll system if you change jobs. You only need to do new paperwork if you need to change information on your forms (new bank account information, W-4 changes or name change). For I-9 questions and status, contact the Human Resource Office.

International students: You will need to apply for a social security card. Be sure to pick up a letter from the International Office and the department where you are working before you go to apply for your new card. When you apply for the card, you should receive a receipt from them showing that you have applied. Please bring the receipt to the Payroll Office so we can make a copy of it to use until you receive the new card. Please contact the Payroll Office for additional information or forms that may be needed.

FORM	DESCRIPTION
<p>Form I-9 Please present identification – a complete list of acceptable documents is on the website below: http://www.baylor.edu/hr_services/index.php?id=28061</p>	<p>Required by the office of Homeland Security to establish identity and work eligibility, protecting you from discrimination on the basis of national origin or citizenship status. This form should be completed before your 3rd day of work.</p>
<p>Social Security Card</p>	<p>The Payroll Office needs a copy of your Social Security card for Income Tax purposes even if you use another form of identification to complete your I-9 form.</p>
<p>W-4 http://www.baylor.edu/hr_services/index.php?id=28060</p>	<p>This form allows Baylor to withhold correct federal income tax from your pay.</p>
<p>Direct Deposit</p>	<p>For your convenience, we do offer direct deposit of your paycheck to your checking or savings account. You can complete the direct deposit form in one of the following methods: 1.) complete the form in the Payroll Office, 6th floor, Robinson Tower; 2.) you can enter your bank information in BearWeb. Note: Direct deposits will not be activated until we have received your social security card copy, and your I-9 form has been completed.</p> <p>If you do not wish to be on direct deposit, your paychecks will be available for pick up on scheduled pay dates in the Payroll Office, 6th floor, Robinson Tower (picture ID required for pick up.)</p>

Access your **Web time entry Time Sheet** and **Earnings Statement**:

Login to **BearWeb** with your **Baylor ID** number and **PIN**

Click on **Employee Information**

Click on Time Sheet		Click on Pay Information
Select Access my Time Sheet		Click on Pay Stub
** Select correct pay period		Or View Direct Deposit Allocation
(see note below)		Update Direct Deposit Allocation
Select Time Sheet		Earnings History
Click on Enter Hours for the appropriate day worked.		Deduction History
Please round your time in intervals of 15 minutes (10:00, 10:15, 10:30, 10:45).		Tax Forms to view your W-4 information and W-2 form (if applicable)

****** On the Sunday and Monday following the end of the pay period, (if you have not submitted your timecard to your supervisor) you will have access to both your timecard for the pay period that just ended **and** the timecard for the new pay period. The system will default to the new pay period. **To select the previous pay period, you will need to use the drop down arrow next to the pay period. If you submit the incorrect pay period, your pay will not process.**

Graduate Bi-weekly Pay Schedule:

<http://www.baylor.edu/payroll/index.php?id=17061>

General Timecard Information

Please enter your hours on the correct dates and times that you work. Timecards are legal documents and should always reflect the correct information. Please do not enter hours or submit hours in advance of working the hours.

Please enter your hours as you work through the pay period, and submit by midnight on Saturday at the end of the two week pay period, or as soon as you have finished working for the pay period. You should not wait until the deadlines to start your timecard. You will lose access at midnight on Monday. The dates you have available on your timecard are determined by the dates your department set on your stipend authorization.

Changing the shift number will result in errors for your timecard. Always leave shift as "1". Use the appropriate button within BearWeb to save your time or move to the next or previous day. Using the "Back" button on your tool bar can result in errors on your timecard. Use the "Next" button to get to the second week of your timecard. Do not use the 'submit' button on your timecard to submit to your supervisor until you have completed all hours worked for the two week pay period.

When you click on submit, you will no longer have access to your timecard. Payday is on Friday following the end of the pay period. TA's or RA's that qualify to be paid monthly - pay dates are the last banking date of the month, with the exception of December and May, which pay the day before graduation. For timecard questions or problems, please contact the Payroll Office at Robinson Tower at 710-2217.

Professional Development

Development of a graduate student into a professional involves presentation of the results of scholarly activities at professional meetings and other such forums. The Graduate School supports professional development of graduate students by awarding grants to defray costs of travel for participation in such meetings. During the 2008-2009 academic year, this program funded 215 awards to students in 17 departments and programs, totaling over \$63,000 in support. See [travel awards](#) for a detailed description of guidelines for funding.

Funding

Learn about the different [Sources of Funding](#) available to graduate students who attend Baylor University. These sources include, but are not limited to graduate assistantships, grants, and research opportunities.

Seminars for Excellence in Teaching

[The Academy for Teaching and Learning](#) (ATL) began in a major strategic proposal involving faculty, staff and students from all across the BU community. Many colleges and universities have long had centers to support teaching excellence. Baylor's vision drew on those predecessors but went even farther. From its name to its nature, the ATL was designed to be a "school-within-a-school," a program that focused on the most precious resources in any learning community: shared inquiry and transformative conversations

Seminars for Excellence in Teaching (SET) is a program to equip graduate students, adjunct instructors, and temporary lecturers who are well-prepared Teachers Of Record (TORs), to meet the historic expectations of excellence in teaching at Baylor. In addition, SET documents the SACS-required aspects of professional development for these teachers. SET offers a series of Core and one hour seminars on various aspects of teaching led by Baylor teacher/scholars who have been recognized for excellence.

Professionalism

Baylor University expects its employees to conduct themselves in a manner that positively reflects its Christian aims and mission. This includes graduate students employed or receiving funding from Baylor University towards their education. See [BU Standards of Personal Conduct](#).

Graduate Student Career Resources and Networking

The mission of Baylor University Career Services is to assist students and alumni in the development of life-long career decision-making and job search skills to enhance their career satisfaction and employment opportunities.

Our purpose is to empower students by providing access to a variety of professional development opportunities (career fairs, interviews, workshops, etc.) that will enable you to develop the skills necessary to confidently pursue the careers of your choice. We encourage you to use the tools we offer in the office and online to help you decide which career direction is most appropriate for you.

Whether you wish to remain in academics following your degree, or explore other options, we can help you with the job search process including reviewing your resume or curriculum vitae, career coaching, and practice interviewing, among many other useful services.

The [Baylor Career Services](#) office is located in the Sid Richardson Building, Room 116. You can contact the staff by phone at 254.710.3771 or by email at Hireabear@baylor.edu

BAYLOR GLOBAL NETWORK



Providing a truly *global* network of Baylor constituents who:

- see their connection with Baylor and other Baylor constituents as meaningful
- now or in the future, intend to work and live out their calling and career in an awareness of, communication with and participation in a global culture
- find any number of ways to contribute to the growth of a network of global constituents

Providing a link to the Baylor global family for students:

- who work on campus to bring an awareness of global culture issues and opportunities
- who desire to make connections with Baylor global constituents for:
 - international education
 - international internships
 - international employment
 - cross-cultural research
 - information about international locations
 - international ministry

www.baylor.edu/network

For more information, contact:

Brent Edwards, Director of the Baylor Global Network
brent_edwards@baylor.edu (254) 710-8354



Foreign Language Requirement

All PhD, MS, and MA degree candidates in those departments which have a foreign language requirement, must demonstrate, at minimum, undergraduate intermediate (2320-level) reading proficiency in one, or more, modern foreign languages.

- Full language requirements can be found at <http://www.baylor.edu/mfl/index.php?id=12185>

LIFE IN WACO

Living in Texas

The Texas State Capitol: Austin

The Texas State Bird: Mockingbird

The Texas State Flower: Bluebonnet

The Texas State Gemstone: Blue Topaz

The Texas State Song: "Texas, Our Texas"

The Texas State Tree: Pecan

The Texas State Insect: Monarch Butterfly

The Texas State Dish: Chili

- Texas covers 275,416 square miles, extending 801 straight-line miles from north to south and 773 miles from east to west.
- The nation's largest state capitol building is the Texas capitol in Austin. Completed in 1888, it is constructed of Texas pink granite. Major cities include Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Fort Worth.
- There are two Native American tribal reservations in Texas, the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation, located on US 190 between Livingston and Woodville in East Texas, and the Tigua Indian Reservations, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, in El Paso. Both have extensive visitor programs, museums, dance exhibitions, arts, and crafts.
- The longest river in the state is the Rio Grande, which forms the international boundary between Texas and Mexico and extends 1,248 miles along Texas. The next longest river running through Texas or along its boundary line is the Red River.
- The Brazos which runs through Waco and is very close to Baylor is the longest river between the Rio Grande and the Red.
- Texas has more than 5,175 square miles of lakes and streams. Sam Rayburn is the largest lake in East Texas. Lake Livingston, also in East Texas, Lake Texoma on the Oklahoma state border, and Falcon and Amistead Reservoirs on the Rio Grande River between Texas and Mexico are other large lakes.
- Included in Texas' 23.4 million acres of woodlands are 10.9 million acres of pine-hardwood forests in East Texas known as the Piney Woods. They extend over all or parts of 43 counties and include four national forests covering 703,192 acres. There are 91 mountains a mile or more high in Texas, all in the Trans-Pecos region in the southwest area of the state
- Characterized by generally mild temperatures, Texas weather ranges from a summer mean of 78F in the Panhandle to 84F in the lower Rio Grande Valley, and a winter mean of 40F in the Panhandle to 61F in the Valley. Average annual rainfall varies greatly—from more than 59 inches along the Sabine River to less than 8 inches in extreme West Texas.
- The state's surface ranges from sea level to rocky ramparts looming above a mile high in the mountainous far west region. The southern terminus of the table-flat Great Plains of the United States fills much of the Texas Panhandle. Grassy, rolling prairies, where ranches and Texas cowboys still thrive, cover thousands of square miles. Deep forests blanket millions of East Texas acres.
- In the Central Texas hill country, steep limestone hills enfold secluded valleys. There are sunny desert lands; rich, black farm lands, humid swamps where wild orchids grow; and dramatic volcanic intrusions of dark basalt and glistening granite.

- In 1836 Texas won its independence from Mexico at the Battle of San Jacinto and was an independent nation for nearly ten years. But Texas dates back even further. The famed six flags that have flown over Texas are: Spain, 1519-1685, 1690-1821; France, 1685-1690; Mexico, 1821-1836; Texas as a Republic, 1836-1845; Confederate States of America, 1861-1865; and United States of America, 1845-1861 and 1865-present.

Living in Waco

Deep in the heart of Texas is Waco. Deep in the heart of Waco is Baylor. City and school share a rich history. Waco was established on the ancient settlement of the Huaco Indians in 1849, but it was in the year 1542, three hundred years earlier, that the Spanish explorer Luis de Moscosco de Alvarado first mapped the location of the “Waco Village.”

In 1837, when Texas was still a republic, a company of Texas Rangers established an outpost at the site of Waco. In honor of the Texas Secretary of War, the outpost was named “Fort Fisher,” but it was soon abandoned. Today, Fort Fisher, a recreational park, is home of the Texas Ranger Museum and Hall of Fame and is Baylor’s next-door neighbor.

In 1929, a movement arose to move Baylor to Dallas. However, Wacoans came to the rescue by raising more than \$1 million in financially difficult times. Waco Hall was built as a tangible display of Waco’s support of Baylor. The school became hemmed in on all sides. Because Baylor desperately needed room to expand its facilities, a group of Waco businessmen formed the Baylor-Waco Foundation. They purchased 180 acres in the early 1960’s to add to the existing 50-acre section Baylor occupied.

Today, Baylor has 14,040 students, and 804 full-time faculty members. Baylor is expanding and improving, due to the culture afforded to her by Waco and her concerned citizens.

The population of the Waco metropolitan area is now estimated at 213,517. Surrounding suburban areas are Bellmead, Beverly Hills, China Spring, Crawford, Hewitt, Lacy-Lakeview, Lorena, Northcrest, Robinson, and Woodway. There are six independent school districts in the immediate area, each with kindergarten through grade 12. They are: Waco ISD, China Spring ISD, Connally ISD, La Vega ISD, Midway ISD and Robinson ISD.

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce began in 1899 as The Waco Business Men's Club. In 1916 the charter name was officially changed to The Waco Chamber of Commerce. Their charter, No. 8966, was issued by D.H. Head, Secretary of State, on Nov. 29, 1899. A charter amendment, filed on June 23, 1916 and approved by the Secretary of State on June 27, changed the name to Waco Chamber of Commerce. On June 6, 2008, the Greater Waco Chamber opened the first green Chamber building in America. The organization's record of service since its inception reflects the unselfish leadership of many distinguished Wacoans and the efforts of hundreds of its members.

Major Projects

The Waco Chamber of Commerce has led or assisted in the initiation of:

- Waco's highway network including Interstate 35
- Lake Whitney and Lake Waco
- The conversion of Bluebonnet Ordinance Plant to peacetime uses of agricultural research and manufacturing industry sites
- The transformation of James Connally Air Force Base into Texas State Technical College
- McLennan Community College
- The organization of the Baylor-Waco Foundation
- The Dr Pepper Museum and the Texas Sports Hall of Fame
- Attracting thousands of visitors to Waco events such as high school play-off games and Chamber-sponsored events like the Starburst Junior Gold Classic
- Attracting manufacturing plants to Waco
- Helping existing companies expand in Waco

A great resource for information about the city of Waco, including restaurants, businesses, housing, etc can be found in the *Waco Relocation Guide*. This can be found at [Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce](#)

Housing

On-Campus

The Quadrangle

The [Graduate Student Housing Community](#) (GSHC), sponsored by the Graduate School, provides affordable off-campus apartment housing for Baylor's graduate students and their families. We offer spacious two-bedroom apartments for \$575 per month (includes cable/internet). Our hope is that the experiences of Graduate life shared among neighbors will develop interdisciplinary dialogue that encourages both professional and personal growth. We offer extensive programming, such as Cookouts, Academic Forums, Seasonal Dinners, and Game Nights. Recent Academic Forums, hosted by both graduate students and academic professionals, have been held on topics ranging from "The Gospel and Violence in Film" and "Harry Potter and Personal Identity" to "Student Debt and the Future of Higher Education" and "A Dialogue with Baylor Leaders." Our facilities are located at the Quadrangle apartment complex (1825 S 5th St), within easy walking distance of Baylor campus. In addition to private parking, a pool, a hot tub, and green space, we have a Meeting Room reserved for quiet study, but available for private events (as well as Community events) upon request. For more information about the GSHC, please email GSHC@baylor.edu.

Speight Jenkins

The [Speight Jenkins Apartments](#) are located at the corner of Speight Avenue and 9th Street, are conveniently situated only one block from the main campus. The 48 apartment units provide housing for graduate, law, seminary, and married students. Each apartment is furnished. Utilities provided are electricity, trash, water, cable television, and wireless internet access. Telephone service is not included in rent. Rent is charged by semester or quarter and is based on occupancy.

Off-Campus Housing

Off-Campus Housing Guide

Baylor's resource for [off-campus](#) housing includes information about finding a roommate, housing issues, and renters insurance.

Bear Cribs

Another great resource used by many Baylor students for campus area apartments, houses, duplexes, condos and more. Visit the [Bear Cribs](#) website for further information.

Storage

If in need of storage space during the year or over the summer, [Waco Storage](#) has some of the businesses in Waco listed. All are a part of the Texas Self Storage Association.

Restaurants, Entertainment, and Shopping

Waco also offers a variety of restaurants, entertainment venues, shopping, and seasonal activities for just about everyone.

Basic Needs

H-E-B (grocery store) - 4 Locations

-Near Campus: Speight/12th St.

-Valley Mills

-Bellmead off I-35

-Wooded Acres Dr.

Target (grocery/home) -1 Location

-Valley Mills/Bosque Blvd

Family Dollar Store (grocery/home)

-several locations throughout Waco

-Near Campus: La Salle across from 8th St.

Super Wal-Mart (grocery/home) -2

Locations

-Franklin and New Road

-Bellmead off I-35

Banks

Some of the banks located in Waco can be found at this website:

<http://www.thecityofwaco.com/bank/index.html>

Waco Highlights

Cameron Park

Cameron Park is the second largest park in the country behind Central Park in NYC! Whether you're looking for a nice place to take a stroll or a good set of mountain biking trails, Cameron Park offers you a great outdoor respite from the busyness of campus. Day trips and excursions are encouraged as the park is poorly lit after dark.

Cameron Park Zoo

Arguably one of the better zoos in Texas! You'll be pleasantly surprised at the diversity of wildlife and the quality of the displays and zoo in general. A great place to take kids, if you've got 'em, and not a bad Saturday or Sunday excursion for adults either! Visit the [Cameron Park Zoo](#) website for more information.

Texas Ranger Museum

You've heard the legends. Now visit the museum! The Texas Rangers are much more than the stars of a poor television show featuring Chuck Norris! Check out the [museum website](#) and see what made the Texas Rangers the stuff of legends.

Red Men Museum

A great [museum](#) if you're into early American history! With exhibits and displays featuring artifacts from the Civil War, Native American warrior heroes including Geronimo and Cochise, and World War II items. There is also a library for your enjoyment! And, here's the best part: admission is free!

Mayborn Museum

The [Mayborn Museum Complex](#) is the perfect place to bring the family. Walk across a replica of Waco's famous mammoth site, see a Comanche tipi up close or spend your day exploring the 17 themed Discovery rooms, such as the Communication Room, the Health Room and the Invertebrate Room. For more information visit the website!

Dr Pepper Museum

Now that you're a Waco resident, you can't ignore the incredible amounts of Dr Pepper you'll have the opportunity to consume...and why? Because it was invented here, of course! Visit the [Dr Pepper Museum](#) and find out who invented the now famous beverage, how he came to name it, and get a sample of the purest Dr Pepper there is.

Texas Sports Hall of Fame

Texas just wouldn't be Texas without homage to sports. And there's no better place to catch up on local heroes, national and world champions, and Texas sports legends than at the [Texas Sports Hall of Fame](#)!

Cottonwood Creek Golf

[Cottonwood Creek Golf Course](#) is a public facility located at 5200 Bagby in Waco. The golf course was designed by Finger, Dye, and Spann. Boasting 7,14yards of golf from the championship tees, the course is a par 72. The course winds through rolling plains and features pristine greens and landscaping. Course hours are 7 a.m. to dark, seven days a week.

Waco Water Park

The award-winning [Waco Water Park](#), located at 900 Lakeshore Drive, features two towering water slides, two pools, and tons of interactive water toys. The park is open daily from Memorial Day weekend until the end of summer. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Brazos Nights

For free concerts, food, specialty vendors, and kids activities visit the [Brazos Nights](#) websites for scheduled activities. Events are every Friday night in June and on July 4 in Indian Spring Park from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (Fridays); 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (July 4).

Movie Theaters

Starplex Galaxy 16

333 South Valley Mills Drive, Waco,
TX 76710
(254)772-5333
Great discount with student i.d.

Starplex Super Saver (Dollar Theatre-Half Price Tuesdays)

410 N. Valley Mills Drive, Waco,
TX 76710
(254)772-1511

Hollywood Jewel 16

Highway 84 & Texas Central Pkwy., Waco,
TX 76712
(254)399-9500

Gatesville Drive-In Theater

2912 S. Hwy. 36 Bypass Gatesville,
TX 76528
(254)865-8445

Malls/Shopping

Central Texas Marketplace

West Loop 340/Bagby/I-35 (Exit 330) Waco, TX 76711

Richland Mall

6001 W Waco Dr, #314 Waco, TX
For store listings visit the [Richland Mall](#) website.

Live Entertainment

Baylor University's Theatre, Music, and Art Shows

Theatre Department: 254-710-1861; Art Department: 254-710-1867; Music Department: 254-710-3991. For calendars and/or schedules of events call the listed phone numbers or visit the [website](#).

Common Grounds

Waco's near campus coffee shop offers live music some evenings. Located at 1123 S 8th Street, 254- 757-2957.

McLennan Community College

Performing Arts Center Box Office: 254-299-8200

For more information on their theatre, music, and Art Center events call the number or visit the [website](#).

Waco Civic Theatre

Office: 254-776-1591. An opportunity and a warning: even if you have no acting experience whatsoever, you too can participate in a [Waco Civic Theatre](#) production.

Waco Hippodrome

Box Office: 254- 752-9797; Administrative Office: 254-752-7745. For information on scheduled shows and times visit the [website](#).

Waco Symphony

Office: 254-754-0851. For scheduled shows and times visit the [website](#).

Baylor Athletics Ticket Office

Ticket office: 254-710-1000. Visit the official website of [Baylor athletics](#). This includes sports schedules, upcoming events calendar, ticket information, and athletics news and multimedia.

Seasonal

Brazos Nights- Free summer concerts by the river. See link above in Waco Highlights section.

Heart of Texas Fair and Rodeo- Held in October.

Heart of Texas (HOT) Coliseum- 254-776-9027; Call for current attractions or visit the [HOT Coliseum](#) website.

Independence Day Fireworks- over the Brazos River downtown.

Other Activities

Flea Market- on LaSalle, Saturday and Sunday mornings

Homestead Heritage- 510 acre homesteading community; visit the [website](#).

Lions Park Miniature Golf- 1716 North 42nd Street; 254- 772-3541; Batting cages and race cars

Tonkawa Falls- swimming hole near [Crawford](#), TX.

Waco Cultural Arts Fest -October, downtown in Heritage Square. [Check](#) it out!

Waco Margarita and Salsa Festival- downtown in late August - live music

Westfest- annual Czech festival on Labor Day weekend in West, 30 minutes north

Skate World- 401 Towne Oaks; 254-772-0042; Visit the [website](#) for more information

Tehuacana Creek Vineyards & Winery
Visit the [website](#) for more information

Westview Bowling Lanes- 4565 W Waco Drive; 254- 772-6600

Lake Waco our version of a beach; \$4 per car; Visit the [website](#) for more information

Waco Dining Guide

American

1424

1424 Washington Ave
(254) 752 - 7385

Ace's Bar and Grill

2911 Primrose Dr. Suite C
(254) 662 - 2941

Adriana & Janette's

901 N. 25th St
(254) 753 - 2240

Amelia's/Sironia

1509 Austin Ave
(254) 714 - 1229

Applebee's

614 N Valley Mills Dr
(254) 751 - 9084

Bill & Bob's Restaurant

3600 N. 19th Street
(254) 753 - 2478

Bonnie's Chat n Chew

201 S Loop Dr
(254) 799 - 3068

Britt's Burger Barn

1700 Colcord Ave.
(254) 235 - 9003

Cheddar's

4208 Franklin Ave.
(254) 741 - 1411

Chili's

5804 Bosque Blvd
(254) 776 - 8330

Chili's Too

1111 S. University Parks D
(254) 752 - 1993

Cotton Patch Cafe

5501 Bosque Blvd.
(254) 772 - 4200

Cracker Barrel

4275 N. IH - 35
(254) 799 - 4729

Cricket's Grill

211 Mary St
(254) 754 - 4677

Elite Circle Grille

2132 S Valley Mills Dr
(254) 754 - 4941

George's

1925 Speight Ave
(254) 753 - 1421

Harbour Texas

Airport Park
(254) 754 - 1642

Hooters

3927 S. IH - 35
(254) 752 - 9464

Kim's

2600 W. Waco Dr
(254) 756 - 5951

Mirth

1101 Richland Dr
(254) 751 - 0447

The Grape

2006 N. Valley Mills Dr
(254) 772 - 1866

The Green Room Grille

725 Austin Ave
(254) 756 - 7666

The World Cup Café

1321 N 15th St

(254) 757 - 1748

Asian

Bangkok Royal Thai

University Parks
254-757-2741

Cathay House

825 Wooded Acres
(254) 776 - 1072

China Grill

200 S. IH - 35
(254) 755 - 6273

Chinese Kitchen

408 N. Valley Mills Dr.
(254) 776 - 7996

Clay Pot

920 S. IH - 35
(254) 756 - 2721

Happy Wok

1910 Park Lake Dr
(254) 875 - 9800

Kitok Restaurant

1815 N. 18th
(254) 754 - 1801

Magic China

221 S IH - 35
(254) 776 - 7045

Pei Wei Asian Diner

4300 West Waco Drive
(254) 772 - 0190

PHO-Ninh

1021 S. University Parks D
(254) 752 - 3555

Samurai Stkhs

5912 Bosque Blvd
(254) 776 - 5197

Shogun

1623 Valley Mills Drive
(254) 772 - 5678

Summer Palace

1520 N. Valley Mills Dr
(254) 776 - 8081

Summer Palace

1201 Hewitt Drive
(254) 666 - 0806

Taste of China

1411 N. Valley Mills Dr
(254) 776 - 0489

Teriyaki Park

220 S. 2nd St
(254) 714 - 1416

Bakeries/Coffee House

Beatnix Coffeeshouse

1826 Lake Shore Drive
(254) 755 - 6690

Café Cappuccino

4700 Bosque Blvd
(254) 772 - 3739

Common Grounds

1123 S. 8th St.
(254) 757 - 2957

Panera Bread

Central Tx Marketplace
(254) 662 - 0700

Starbucks

1428 Wooded Acres
(254) 776 - 8222

Starbucks

103 N. Loop 340
(254) 799 - 0900

Starbucks

1001 Dutton Street
(254) 710 - 1011

Barbecue

Jasper's Bar-B-Q

105 Clifton St
(254) 799 - 8351

Kelly's Bar-B-Cue

1817 Alexander
(254) 753 - 2551

Mama & Pappa B's BBQ

525 S. 8th St
(254) 754 - 8001

Michna's

2803 Franklin Ave
(254) 752 - 3650

One Stop

1101 E. Waco Dr
(254) 759 - 0335

Papa Bears

301 S Gholson Rd
(254) 799 - 1924

Rib Crib BBQ & Grill

7124 Woodway Drive
(254) 751 - 0801

Rudy's BBQ

2510 Circle Rd
(254) 750 - 9995

Tony DeMaria's

1000 Elm St
(254) 755 - 8888

Uncle Dan's

1001 Lake Air Dr
(254) 772 - 4744

Vitek's

1600 Speight Ave
(254) 752 - 7591

Breakfast

Denny's

1100 S. 9th

(254) 753 - 7882

Harold Waite's Pancake &

941 Lake Air
(254) 772 - 9970

IHOP

4019 S IH - 35
(254) 757 - 1133

IHOP

1000 S. 4th St
(254) 754 - 3001

Kettle Restaurant

5801 Woodway Dr
(254) 776 - 1995

Burgers & Chicken

Buffalo Wild Wings Grill

4325 Franklin Ave
(254) 751 - 9696

Capt Billy Whizzbang's

901 Lake Air Dr
(254) 776 - 4155

Cupp's Drive-In

1424 Speight
(254) 753 - 9364

Dubl-R Burgers

1810 Herring Ave
(254) 753 - 1603

Fuddrucker's

1411 N Valley Mills Dr
(254) 776 - 0961

Lee's Drive In

104 Hillsboro
(254) 799 - 6916

Cafeterias

Bosque Café/Hotel Waco

1001 MLK Jr. Blvd.
(254) 753 - 0261

Golden Corral
618 N. Valley Mills Dr
(254) 751 - 9088

Luby's Cafeteria
120 S New Rd
(254) 399 - 9864

Parks Buffet
4318 Bellmead Dr
(254) 799 - 3773

Souper Salad
5006 W Waco Dr
(254) 741-9595

Delis & Subs
Camille's Café
2804 W. Loop 340
(254) 662-6502

Caroline's Creation
618 Austin Ave
(254) 755-7787

Homestead Farms
Halbert Lane
(254) 754-9669

HoneyBee Ham
1411F N Valley Mills Dr
(254) 772-0706

McAlister's Deli
1505 Hewitt Dr
(254) 420-4603

McAlister's Deli
812 S. 6th St
(254) 296-0380

Olive Branch
601 Franklin Ave
(254) 757-0885

Schmaltz's
1412 N. Valley Mills D
(254) 776-3694

Schmaltz's

105 S 5th St
(254) 753-2332

Simply Good
213 Mary Ave
(254) 754-1555

Terry & Jo's
1121 Speight Ave.
(254) 753-3998

Desserts
Baskin Robbins
1547 Wooded Acres
(254) 776-6155

Coldstone Creamery
Central TX Marketplace
(254) 662-6444

Katie-s Frozen Custard
602 S. Valley Mills Dr
(254) 754-5899

Marble Slab
4304 W. Waco Dr
(254) 776-0844

TCBY
801 N Valley Mills Dr
(254) 751-0970

European Style Cuis
No. 13 Café
803 N. Hewitt Drive
(254) 751-0405

Italian & Pizza
Chuck E. Cheese
5106 W. Waco Dr
(254) 772-9141

Cici's Pizza
1609 N. Valley Mills Dr
(254) 776-7762
Gratziano's
217 Mary St
(254) 752-8789

Johnny Carino's
1411 N Valley Mills Dr

(254) 399-9111

Mama Baris
1201 Hewitt Drive
(254) 666-6104

Olive Garden
5921 W Waco Dr
(254) 751-1667

Peter Piper Pizza
505 Westview Village
(254) 751-1212

Pizza Hut
1111 S 8th St
(254) 756-2320

Poppa Rollo's Pizza
703 N. Valley Mills Dr.
(254) 776-6776

Mediterranean
Yianni's Restaurant
24350 I-35
(254) 826-5538

Mexican & Tex-Mex
Casa De Castillo
4820 Sanger Ave
(254) 772-8246

Casa de Gabriel
1726 Herring Ave.
(254) 753-7633

Casa Ole
725 N. Loop 340
(254) 799-0552

Casa Ole
414 N Valley Mills Dr
(254) 751-0182

Charro Cafeteria
1615 W. Waco Dr
(254) 752-1961

El Charro Café
2303 La Salle Ave
(254) 753-9272

El Chico
2111 S Valley Mills Dr
(254) 662-2750

El Conquistador
4508 W Waco Dr
(254) 772-4596

El Potosino
324 David Dr
(254) 755-7301

El Tapatio
600 New Road
(254) 399-9931

El Tapatio
608 Austin Ave.
(254) 399-9931

Garibaldi's
3319 Brook Circle
(254) 755-8009

Jaivita
1700 S IH-35
(254) 753-6422

La Familia Restaurant
1111 La Salle Ave
(254) 754-1115

La Fiesta #1
3815 Franklin Ave
(254) 756-4701

La Fiesta #2
6500 N 19th St.
(254) 296-9325

Lolita's Taqueria
1911 Franklin
(254) 755-8008

Mexico Lindo

1801 Speight Ave
(254) 235-3798

Ninfa's
215 Mary St
(254) 757-2050

On The Border
4320 W Waco Dr
(254) 399-9986

Pablo's
2624 N. 18th St
(254) 714-1084

Rene's Restaurant
1912 Speight Ave
(254) 752-4698

Rosa's Tortilla Factory
4200 Franklin Ave
(254) 741-9283

Siete Mares
1915 Dutton
(254) 714-1297

Taqueria Arandas
1500 S. 18th St
(254) 754-2842

Taqueria Jalisco
1709 S Valley Mills Dr
(254) 752-4777

Trevino's
1200 N Valley Mills Dr
(254) 751-7575

Trujillo's
2612 LaSalle
(254) 756-1331

Veronica's
927 S 18th St

(254) 714-2655

Waco City Limits
511 S. 8th St
(254) 754-1918

Steak & Seafood
135 Prime
1201 Hewitt Drive
(254) 666-3100

Buzzard Billy's
208 S University Parks Dr
(254) 753-2778

Clubhouse at the Hilton
113 S University Parks Dr
(254) 752-7427

Diamond Backs
217 Mary
(254) 757-2871

Heitmiller's
203 Connally Dr
(254) 829-2651

Lake Brazos Steakhouse
1620 N. Lake Brazos Pkwy
(254) 755-7797

Lonestar Tavern
Hwy 84 @ Bellmead Dr
(254) 799-0027

Outback Steakhouse
4500 Franklin Ave
(254) 772-5449

Red Lobster
5925 W. Waco Dr
(254) 741-1766

Texas Roadhouse
2729 LaSalle Ave

GRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

THE BAYLOR TRADITION

THE BAYLOR LINE

In 1906 a student penned humorous words to the tune of "In the Good Old Summer Time" and they became generally accepted among the student body as the school song. However, in 1931, Mrs. Enid Markham, wife of music professor Robert Markham, feeling the words were not dignified enough nor representative of the total University, wrote new lyrics which were presented in Chapel in November and soon sanctioned as the official school song. The "Good Old Summer Time" tune was later rearranged to fit Mrs. Markham's "Baylor Line" by Baylor Band Director Donald I. Moore.

THE IMMORTAL TEN

On the misty-rainy morning of January 22, 1927, a shattering tragedy caused a pall of sadness to engulf the campus and brought national attention to the University. In Round Rock, shortly before noon on that day, a speeding train smashed into a bus filled with Baylor basketball athletes and supporters. The accident left ten dead and numerous others injured. To remember those who lost their lives, the names of the "Immortal Ten" are called out every year during Homecoming Week.

DI ADELOSO

Started in 1931 as a way to "bring smiles to the faces of students" by giving them a break from classes, the annual spring holiday gradually became a favorite pastime. Re-organized by the Chamber of Commerce in 1935, its popularity grew and the name of the occasion through the years changed from All University Day to Physical Fitness Day to May Day. In 1966 students voted to name the annual occasion as "dia del oso" or "Day of the Bear."

THE GREEN & GOLD

In 1897, while on a train to Bryan for a debate tournament, a member of the student committee which had previously been selected to choose appropriate colors for the University, looked out the window at the wild spring dandelions and remarked that the vivid yellow and green flowers made "a lovely combination." Other committee members present agreed and when they returned to Waco, the color combination of "green and gold" was recommended and readily adopted by the student body.

CHAPEL-FORUM

Perhaps the longest-running tradition, since the University opened its doors in May, 1846, Chapel has been a part of the "Baylor experience" with requirements for participation gradually being reduced from daily attendance for the entire faculty, staff, and student body, to two days per week for two semesters for all students as a prerequisite for graduation. Programs have always varied from inspirational to informational to entertaining. The name was changed to Forum in the 1960s. Two decades later the name was changed to Chapel-Forum.

RING OUT

Begun in 1927 as a way to symbolize the continuity of the Baylor experience to the next year's graduates, Ring Out features the passing of an ivy chain from seniors to juniors during the week preceding commencement. Originally, participants were always female, but over the years male students have gradually been incorporated into the ceremony.

PRO ECCLESIA, PRO TEXANA

These words indicate Baylor's commitment to the church and to the state (For Church, For Texas) and were adopted by the University's trustees as the institution's motto in 1854.

BAYLOR'S FOUNDERS

Baptist minister William M. Tryon was the first to call for a Texas Baptist university "to meet the needs of the current generation of students as well as those of all ages to come." District Judge R.E.B. Baylor joined in the promotion of the idea; and they were supported by the Texas Baptist Education Society, which was affiliated with the Union Baptist Association. James Huckins, first Baptist missionary to Texas, was the University's first full-time fund-raiser. These three men are credited as being the founders, though there were many others who worked diligently to see the University established.

BAYLOR'S NAME

Petitioning the Congress of the Republic of Texas to establish a university, the Texas Baptist Education Society first suggested San Jacinto University to recognize the victory which enabled Texas to become an independent nation. Then it was changed to honor revolutionary hero Ben Milam. Just before the final vote of the Congress, the petitioners requested the university be named in honor of Judge R.E.B. Baylor. Republic of Texas president Anson Jones signed the Act of Congress on February 1, 1845 officially chartering it as Baylor University.

THE UNIVERSITY MACE

During the War of 1812, Cyrus Baylor, brother of R.E.B. Baylor, was cited for his bravery with the presentation of a gold sword by President Jackson. It remained in the possession of the Baylor family until 1957 when it was given to Baylor University. In 1974, Baylor President Abner V. McCall suggested that the sword be used to form the focal point to a ceremonial "symbol of authority." A timber from one of Old Main's towers was used to construct a base and center pole and walking canes of former Baylor President Rufus C. Burleson and General Sam Houston, who had been baptized by Burleson and had been a supporter of the University, were linked to the sword to form the Mace. It is used at all University commencement exercises and at other special ceremonies.

MEMORIAL LAMP POSTS

During World War II more than 4,000 Baylor men and women served in all branches of the armed forces. At the end of the war, 123 had made the supreme sacrifice in defense of their country—a mortality rate said to be double that of the nation's population at large. To commemorate those who had fallen, red granite lamp posts were erected across the campus to stand as a guard of honor by day and to illuminate the streets and paths by night. The first group of the granite "honor guards" was dedicated on October 25, 1946. A plaque, engraved with the name of the one who gave his or her life, was attached to every post; and the Baylor chapter of Angel Flight was charged with the responsibility of placing a wreath around the plaque on the anniversary of each death. As the size of the campus increased, additional lamp posts were erected and made available to commemorate the death of any loved one.

THE CAMPUS

For more than a year, there was no campus. After the University was chartered on February 1, 1845, four communities made bids to be the location—Travis, Huntsville, Shannon's Prairie, and Independence. Independence was selected, and classes for preparatory students began in May, 1846, with college courses offered the following June. In 1886, Baylor and Waco universities consolidated to form Baylor University at Waco.

THE BEARS

The Mascot could have been the buffalo, antelope, frog, ferret, or book-worm. After 70 years without an official mascot, students in 1914 voted to name the bear the official "Patron Saint of all Baylordom." The bruin defeated the buffalo by more than a two-to-one margin. The first bear to arrive on campus was a gift from soldiers at Camp MacArthur in Waco in 1917.

GOLDEN WAVE BAND

In 1928, the Baylor Band introduced its new gold uniforms at a Baylor-SMU football game. The following spring, the 43-member group made a tour of West Texas on behalf of the Greater Baylor Campaign to raise money for the University. Observers noted the band swept across West Texas like a giant golden wave, and the name was soon adopted for the band.

HOMECOMING

In November 1909, after six months of faculty and student planning, large delegations of former students converged on the campus to participate in a concert, receptions, speeches, class reunions, singing, a parade, a pep rally, and a football victory. It was Baylor's first "homecoming" which, except during the later years of World War II, has been an annual tradition and has grown to be one of the largest such activities in the United States.

THE LARIAT AND ROUND UP

In November, 1900, the *Varsity Lariat* began publication to inform students about campus activities. Since 1893, the *Baylor Literary* had fulfilled such purposes, but competition with the new publication led to the demise of *Literary* in 1915. Late the name *Varsity* was removed from the paper's masthead. In 1902, the first yearbook was published at Baylor and named *The Round-Up*.

DR. PEPPER HOUR

In 1953, the director of the Union Building, now the Bill Daniel Student Center, scheduled a special hour each week for students to enjoy a "frosted Coke" and "talk amongst themselves." The weekly hospitality time was designed to provide students and faculty a special opportunity to relax, socialize, and talk informally. The event often featured piano music and board games and there was always plenty of hot chocolate or cola mixed with the ice cream. The beverage is now Dr. Pepper, but the atmosphere and fellowship remain the same.

SING

Ensembles from 17 organizations competed in the first "All-University Sing" which was held on April 25, 1953. First held in the Drawing Room of the Union Building (now the Bill Daniel Student Center), the popularity of the event gradually caused it to move to Waco Hall. Winners of the annual spring competition are invited to participate in the Pigskin Revue, a popular highlight of Homecoming Week.

YELL LEADERS

Since the turn of the century and the rise of the popularity of athletic competition, various groups of individuals led cheers for the Baylor teams, but there was no organized leadership for this activity until 1920 when the student body officially elected male representatives to lead the school yells. In 1968 females were allowed to be members of the group.

Baylor University Sustainability

Baylor University seeks to provide an exemplary teaching, research, and outreach environment that fosters the conservation of natural resources, supports and enhances social responsibility, addresses community and economic development, and follows environmental, social, and economic practices.

Baylor University seeks continuous improvement in the planning, construction, and operation of capital facilities; providing transportation systems that support alternatives to single occupancy vehicles; procuring and managing energy, water, and materials; stewarding natural resources; and researching and teaching sustainability principles and approaches.

Get Involved!

In addition to inspiring conservation on campus, Baylor University also participates in Recyclemania, an annual ten-week recycling competition among colleges and universities across America. In spring 2009, Baylor University gathered over 86 tons of recyclable goods, surpassing the largest universities in Texas and placing third out of the Big XII.

Baylor University is also one of the few institutions in the nation that actively recycles before, during, and after athletic events. In 2009, Baylor mustered over 16,700 lbs of biodegradable products during sporting events, including over 267,200 individual plastic bottles.

In addition to Baylor University's impressive 2009 athletics and Recyclemania stats, food waste was reduced by 108.5 tons, three zero emission, electric utility vehicles are now on campus, and over 140,982 tons of recycling were collected in the spring semester alone.

In addition to getting involved by recycling, you can also help us conserve energy but turning out the lights if you are the last one out of the room. This small gesture can really help us decrease our energy consumption and make a big impact over time. So remember, if you're the last out, turn the lights off!

For more information check out our [sustainability](#) website. Also, you can contact the Baylor Eco Club for opportunities to volunteer and be involved in our efforts on campus. Should you have any questions or want to find out more about sustainability at Baylor, please send an email to: sustainability@baylor.edu.

furnishings@first Furniture-Loan Ministry

Graduate students face a new set of challenges when they come to Waco. Not only do academic rigors await you, but it takes a while before Waco feels like "home." You have to learn your way around, new friendships need to be developed, rent must be paid, and the list goes on...

First Baptist Waco understands the “transition” that many graduate students face as they enter into a new rhythm of life at Baylor, and we’d love to walk alongside you during this journey. One way we can help is through our *furnishings@first* furniture-loan program. We’ve got a warehouse full of gently-used furniture that church and community members have donated for graduate students just like you. We offer tables, chairs, shelves, sofas and other home furnishings like microwaves, lamps, and assorted kitchenware. Come find what you need to outfit your home, and we’ll loan it to you for the duration of your graduate studies, no strings attached.

furnishings@first is open to all graduate students at Baylor. Check our website for our seasonal hours of operation: www.fbcwaco.org/furnishings.html . First Baptist cares about graduate students, and we’ll do what we can to make Waco feel a little more like “home.”

Health Insurance

Student Health Insurance

Academic Health Plans
Baylor University

Mandatory Medical Insurance

- Insurance is required for all international students
- Baylor University offers health insurance coverage through Academic Healthplans
- The insurance includes medical benefits coverage, repatriation coverage, medical evacuation expenses, etc.

Medical Coverage Period

Payments twice a year:

- August through December
- January through August (includes summer)
- Student can cover dependent

Graduate Student Association (GSA)

GSA 2009-2010 Officers:

President- Alessandra Gonzalez

Vice President- Ashley Palmer- Boyes

Treasurer- To be elected August 27th

Historian/ Secretary- To be elected August 27th

2009-2010 GSA Meeting Dates:

August 27th
September 24th
October 29th

November 19th
December 3rd
January 28th

February 25th
March 25th
April 29th

All meetings are held at 6pm in Morrison Hall, room 120 (except November 19th which will be a special event at the Quadrangle). All graduate students are invited. Visit the [website](#) for updates.

Campus Recreation

The mission of [Campus Recreation](#) is to offer comprehensive, quality programs and services that will enhance healthy lifestyles founded on the principles of integrity, sportsmanship, and Christian values. Facility access is available for all Baylor students, faculty and staff, and all must present a valid Baylor identification card to gain access to the Student Life Center or any other Campus Recreation facility. The McLane Student Life Center not only serves as an exercise and fitness facility, but also houses Baylor's outpatient clinic, pharmacy, counseling center, physical therapy clinic, and peer nutrition education office.

More information on the Campus Recreation facilities including the McLane Student Life Center, Intramurals, Beaerobics, and Bear Park, and all hours and policies visit the website at: <http://www.baylor.edu/campusrec/index.php?id=18122>. Click here for [Campus Recreation Programs and Events](#).

Counseling

The [Counseling Center](#) is located on the 2nd floor of the McLane Student Life Center and is available to all Baylor students providing counseling, consultation, and referral services. Appointments may be scheduled Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Students are eligible for twelve individual counseling sessions per year and twelve couples counseling sessions per year. The initial seven individual sessions and the initial seven couples counseling are **no charge** to the student. Additional sessions are \$10 each. The Counseling Center can be reached at (254) 710-2467.

Sporting Events

Baylor students have access to all Baylor home sporting events at no cost with a student i.d. For Baylor football, student tickets can be picked up at the Ticket Office in the SUB the week of home games. For all other games, Baylor students can gain entrance with a student i.d. Schedules for all teams and ticket information can be found at <http://www.baylorbears.com>.

Baylor Spiritual Life

Each student's journey to Baylor is unique and filled with its own set of challenges. However, the Spiritual Life staff believes that no one should walk the path of life alone. Visit the [spiritual life website](#) for information on chapel, Baylor Missions, and pastoral care. A list of [local churches](#) is also available.

Community Service

Through the Office of Student Activities, there are several opportunities to serve the Waco community. Some of these can be found at http://www.baylor.edu/student_activities/service/ Students can also get involved in serving the community through Mission Waco, a local non-profit organization that helps people all over the Waco area. More information about Mission Waco can be found at <http://www.missionwaco.org/>

A few other service opportunities in Waco are:

Waco Habitat for Humanity	United Way of Waco-McLennan County
Salvation Army of Waco	Meals on Wheels of Central Texas
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas	

