

Baylor Law Favorites: WACO

Baylor Law School is located in Waco, Texas, on the banks of the Brazos River. Life in Waco is a blend of quiet, laid-back living with an undertone of modern, urban appeal. Just an hour and a half between Dallas/Ft. Worth and Austin, students find it close enough for a weeknight road trip, but far enough to stay focused on their studies. Even without straying beyond the city limits, there's plenty to love about life in this town.

1. **Dr Pepper.** Pharmacist Charles Alderton invented it here, and they're still pumping it fresh from the soda fountain at the Dr Pepper Museum. We love it so much at Baylor that we serve free Dr Pepper floats every Tuesday across campus, including a hefty serving for all of us at the law school the last Tuesday of the month.
2. **Live Music.** After a week's worth of studying, even law students deserve a break. Whether you're ready to unwind to some classic jazz or speed up the tempo with newer beats, Waco hosts a variety of artists and musicians who perform live at venues around the city.
3. **Cheap housing.** We're spoiled here with loads of affordable housing, a particular boon for student budgets. From hip lofts to charming old homes, you'll find something that fits your lifestyle and wallet.
4. **Waco "International" Airport.** You think we're kidding, but we're in love with this airport. With free parking and easy puddle jumpers to DFW or Houston, you can fly anywhere in the world from Waco, with way less hassle than flying out of larger airports.
5. **Tasty restaurants.** With all the money you've saved on housing, you'll have enough leftover to indulge on something besides 39-cent ramen noodles. We crave the delightfully fresh Thai food from Bangkok Royal, breakfast tacos from Lolita's (make sure you add potatoes), hot, handmade pizzas from Baris, Lebanese food made from scratch daily at D's Mediterranean Grill, and home-baked desserts like White Chocolate Bread Pudding on the patio of 1424.
6. **Big 12 Sports.** Sports fans, you're going to love the competition of Baylor and the Big 12. Our Division 1 sports teams rival teams across the nation. Just last year, both our men's and ladies' basketball teams competed in the NCAA Playoffs, appearing in the Elite 8 and the Final 4, respectively.
7. **Cameron Park.** We take it for granted, but we've got the largest municipal park in Texas with 416 acres of natural beauty. It's winding with hike and bike trails, making it a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts from hours away. You'll find all the gear you need at Waco's newest outdoor shop, Bear Mountain, owned by a mountain-biking Baylor grad.
8. **Big city, small town.** Here in Waco, we're right in the middle—big enough to find everything you need, but small enough to feel like a community. Big enough that you'll meet a wide variety of people, small enough that they'll remember your name, but big enough that they won't know your business. Big enough that you can have a life outside of law, but small enough that there won't be any traffic in the way. Waco, you'll find, is just right.
9. **Common Grounds.** Waco has plenty of Starbucks, each with their own personality, but the locals love Common Grounds for its ambiance and darn good coffee. Just a short walk from the law school, it's a must for a triple-shot of caffeine when the eyelids are drooping, and their live music throughout the year provides a much-needed diversion when you've reached your limit of case law.
10. **Baylor Law School.** We couldn't leave this one off the list. Not when most graduates pass the bar on the first try, we win national championships in mock trial, and we rank 4th in the nation for our advocacy program. We're small, but we're good. Like we always say . . . **The Best Belong at Baylor.**