BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS POLICY

EFFECTIVE FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN SPRING/SUMMER/FALL 2017

Admission to Baylor University is by formal application to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. The function of the office is to facilitate the admission process without sacrificing the integrity of academic records and admissions policy. The Office assists applicants in learning admissions policies and procedures; conducts personal interviews and group presentations; collects applications and documents; assesses qualifications in relation to Baylor's requirements for admission; and communicates decisions to applicants.

Policies are established by the Board of Regents on the advice of the President and the Enrollment Management Council and implemented by the Admissions Committee. Appeals for individual approval are reviewed by the Admissions Committee.

The University, in maintaining the standards and ideals for which it stands, reserves the right to refuse admission to any applicant whose previous record is deemed unsatisfactory.

Students may be admitted to Baylor either as degree-seeking students or as non-degree seeking students.

Admission as a Degree-Seeking Student

In compliance with Title IV of the Code of Federal Regulations: (20 U.S.C. Section 1001; 34 C.F.R. Section 600.4), a degree-seeking applicant who is a graduate of a private high school (including home school) not officially recognized by the state in which the school is located (by the country if international school) must normally be 17 before the first day of class unless the GED certificate is submitted prior to registration.

METHODS OF ADMISSION

I. By Graduation from High School for Freshman Admission

A freshman is one who meets one of the following criteria:

- has never attended college
- has attended college prior to high school graduation (earning dual credit or advanced credit)
- has attended college only in the summer following high school graduation

In evaluating applicants, Baylor tries to make sure each student is academically ready for the general college classroom. We recommend that high school graduates have taken the following coursework:

- English: 4 year-units
- Foreign Language (same language): 2 year-units
- Mathematics (including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II): 4 year-units
- Natural Science, laboratory (should include biology and chemistry for students who plan to enter programs in predentistry, premedicine or nursing): 4 year-units
- Social Science (should include one or more in history): 3 year-units

Consideration for admission to Baylor is highly competitive. Baylor seeks to enroll students with strong academic preparation who show the greatest potential to succeed. However, Baylor may use a variety of factors in determining the admissibility of any applicant, so it is not possible to identify a minimum level of achievement on each or any factor necessary to gain admission.

II. By Transfer from Another College or University for Transfer Admission

A transfer student is one who has attempted college work beyond the summer following high school graduation. Someone whose only college credits were taken for dual credit or to meet high school graduation requirements is not a transfer student; please see Section I. Students who wish to transfer to Baylor from another college or university should plan to do so no later than the end of the sophomore year because the residence requirement for a bachelor's degree at Baylor is 60 semester hours. A maximum of 70 semester hours may be transferred from a junior/community college with a maximum of 15 hours post-matriculation. All transfer students must meet the high school course requirements for freshman admission (as described in Section I); if a student fails to meet the course requirements, the deficiencies must be corrected before registration is permitted. In addition, transfer students who have completed fewer than 24 semester hours must also meet all freshman admission requirements. Transfer students who wish to take English 1302 at Baylor may be required to pass placement tests before enrolling in English 1302 depending on their official scores. Students will

not be allowed to register for English 1304 or any sophomore literature course until an English 1302 credit has been awarded. Students may also be required to take a placement test before enrolling in Pre-Calculus or Calculus I, depending on the results of the ACT or SAT Math scores. Students taking entry-level biology or chemistry courses are required to have satisfactory scores on the Math portion of the ACT or SAT.

Upon admission to the University, all course work that a student takes at another college is evaluated for equivalent transfer credits, not necessarily for degree requirements. It is the student's responsibility to determine if the equivalent course applies to a specific degree requirement by referring to the Baylor University Undergraduate Catalog or to the advisor in the appropriate college or school within Baylor. Students should use the Equivalent Course Tool at baylor.edu/registrar to determine which courses from outside institutions are available for transfer. Work from regionally accredited institutions and foreign institutions will be evaluated for equivalent credit on a course-by-course basis provided a grade of "C" or higher is recorded on an official transcript. "A" level results may be considered for possible transfer credit at the discretion of Baylor's academic departments. Credit for educational experience in the armed services is evaluated based on recommendations from the American Council on Education. No grades earned on transfer work will become part of the Baylor grade point average.

III. By Previous Degree from Another College or University

Applicants who have completed a degree at another college or university may attend Baylor as a post-baccalaureate student. Such applicants may seek a second degree only if it is a different degree with a different major from the first degree and major.

IV. By Readmission

Students who enrolled provisionally but did not meet the minimum grade point average at the completion of the freshman year must apply for readmission upon completing at least 15 semester hours at another college or university and achieving a cumulative 2.75 GPA on that work. While up to 24 semester hours can be transferred back to Baylor if the work is evaluated as equivalent credit, the transfer of any hours over that may be limited by individual Baylor colleges/schools. The student should seek further information from the school or college in these circumstances. Former students who have not attended Baylor since 1986 should also reapply for admission.

V. By Individual Approval

Applicants who wish to pursue a degree but do not qualify for admission may be offered admission at the discretion of the Admissions Committee. Such admission may require special requirements. In addition, applicants who possess special or unique talents or abilities in music, the visual or performing arts, athletics or have other extenuating circumstances and wish to pursue a degree but do not qualify for admission, may be offered admission at the discretion of the Admissions Committee upon the request of a dean, department chair or athletic coach via the Athletic Compliance Office. Such admission may require attendance in summer school and/or entrance with special requirements.

Admission as a Non-Degree Seeking Student

Applicants who do not intend to seek a Baylor degree may be admitted as special students. If a non-degree seeking student decides to pursue a Baylor degree, the student must apply for admission and provide appropriate documents to be reviewed for possible admission as a degree-seeking student (see the Admission as a Degree-Seeking Student section).

METHODS OF ADMISSION

In addition to special programs established by the University for specific educational experiences, applicants may be admitted as non-degree seeking students in one of the following ways:

I. By Advanced Studies

Superior high school students may apply to attend either one or both summer sessions if they meet the following requirements:

- Completion of the junior year in high school with appropriate progress toward required courses.
- Rank within the top quarter of the high school class or have a 3.4 GPA as calculated by Baylor for schools that do not rank and score at least 1220/1290 (old/new) on the SAT or at least 27 on the ACT.
- Recommendation of high school counselor.

Area high school students who meet the requirements for Advanced Studies may enroll for one or two courses during their final year of high school.

II. By Pursuing a Degree at Another College or University

Students who are pursuing a degree at another school and are in good standing at that school according to the Registrar may attend Baylor as a visiting student.

III. By Individual Approval

Applicants who do not wish to pursue a degree may be offered admission as a special student at the discretion of the Admissions Committee.

For Non-U.S. Citizens

For detailed information regarding admission as an international student, visit baylor.edu/international.

- Applicants should submit the application for admission at least four months prior to the expected term of entry to allow ample time for issuing of the I-20.
- Submit the Immigration Status Form and Confirmation of Financial Resources. The forms are available in your goBAYLOR account after you have been accepted and paid your enrollment deposit.
- In addition to the secondary and post-secondary academic work and test scores required for admission, submit a certified

translation of any academic work recorded in a language other than English. The certified translation must also include descriptions of courses if you would like to have your post-secondary work considered for possible transfer credits.

- An official transcript has an original stamp, seal or signature and includes courses studied and marks obtained.
- An official transcript of "A" level results and syllabi of each course must be submitted for consideration of possible transfer credit at the discretion of Baylor's academic departments.
- For students whose native language is not English, proficiency must be documented in one of the following ways:
  - > an official transcript showing the completion of one year of full-time study at a school located in the United States, or Changes will become effective at the time the proper authorities so determine, and the changes will apply to both prospective students and those already enrolled. This application is a general information publication only and it is not intended to, nor does it, contain all regulations that relate to students.

> an official statement of the completion of one year of full-time study at a school where English is the official language of instruction, or

- > an official SAT Critical Reading score of 480 (old) or 26 (new), or ACT English score of 20, or
- > an official TOEFL score of 540 on the paper-based test, or a 76 on the internet-based TOEFL (iBT); the TOEFL code for Baylor is 6032, or
- > an official IELTS score of 6.0
- > an PTE score of 51

Note: International students may be placed in ENG 1301 (English as a Second Language: Composition) if language and writing tests given when the student enrolls in the University indicate a need for further development of skills.

Deadlines

Students who are interested in applying as freshmen applicants should apply by November 1 to meet the Early Action or Single Choice Early Action deadlines or February 1 to meet the Regular Admission deadline. Any applications received after February 1 will be considered for admissions, campus housing and academic scholarships depending on available space and funding.

Transfer applicants should meet these deadlines depending on the semester they wish to enroll:

Spring admission: December 1
Summer admission: May 15
Fall admission: June 15

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy to Students

Baylor University complies with all applicable federal and state nondiscrimination laws. Baylor University admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Baylor University is controlled by a predominantly Baptist Board of Regents and is operated within the Christian-oriented aims and ideals of Baptists. The University is also affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, a cooperative association of autonomous Texas Baptist churches. As a religiously-controlled institution of higher education, the University is exempt from compliance with some provisions of certain civil rights laws, including some provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. As such, the University prescribes standards of personal conduct that are consistent with its mission and values. This policy statement is neither intended to discourage, nor is it in fact applicable to, any analytical discussion of law and policy issues involved, or to discussions of any recommendations for changes in existing law. Discussions of these matters are both practiced and are welcomed within our curriculum. Further information may be obtained on Baylor's website (Personnel Policies and Student Policies & Procedures).

Other Information

In compliance with the Student Right-to-Know and Clery Act, the University makes available to all students and employees an annual crime safety report. This report and information concerning graduation rates are available from Undergraduate Admissions or at baylor.edu/legaldisclosures.

The provisions of the application for admission do not constitute a contract, expressed or implied, between Baylor University and any applicant, student, student's family, faculty or staff member. Baylor University reserves the right to withdraw courses at any time and/or change fees, tuition, rules, calendar, curricula, degree programs, degree requirements, graduation procedures and any other requirement affecting students.