

Academic Programs of the Honors College

	BIC	Honors Program	University Scholars	Great Texts
	----- Programs that work with your major -----		----- Academic Majors (Bachelor of Arts degree) -----	
<u>Brief Description of Program</u>	The BIC (Baylor Interdisciplinary Core) program consists of an alternative core curriculum that takes the place of Baylor's traditional general studies. BIC is not a major. Students still receive credit hours for Baylor-recognized AP, IB, & dual credit courses completed in high school, but these do not affect the BIC curriculum. BIC curriculum consists of five sequences which cover the humanities, social sciences, & physical sciences. BIC is compatible with most degrees and majors at Baylor.	The Honors Program supplements traditional & nontraditional degrees & majors with a focus on classroom discussion, independent research, and interdisciplinary approaches to learning. The hallmark of the program is a thesis, researched during the junior and senior years and defended in spring of the senior year. Students work on such projects in collaboration with faculty mentors.	Designed for intellectually gifted, highly motivated students, the University Scholars Program (UNSC) allows students the opportunity to craft an individualized Arts & Science curriculum with the guidance from an advisor. Program requirements include three Great Text courses, an independent reading list, and thesis. Upon acceptance, University Scholars are automatically enrolled in the Honors Program. Students receive a B.A. degree with a major in University Scholars.	The Great Texts Program (GTX) is an initiative in which students pursue a sustained curriculum in the greatest works of human intellectual and creative achievement. Baylor offers both a major and a minor in Great Texts of the Western Tradition, and students in Honors & UNSC programs take special GTX courses.
<u>Admission Requirements</u>	All regularly admitted Baylor students may submit an application. Test scores and applications are reviewed. A phone interview may be required.	All highly qualified and motivated, Baylor-admitted students are invited to apply to the program. The average SAT score for the last five entering classes has been around 1430 (M+CR), with an average ACT Composite score of 31. Students in the Honors Program may also participate in the BIC and/or University Scholars or Great Texts majors.	No required minimum SAT/ACT; however, current SAT scores average above 1450 (M+CR), and an ACT Composite of 32. In addition to the Honors College application, UNSC requires two academic letters of recommendation. Letters previously submitted to Baylor University will be accepted. National Merit Finalists are not required to submit recommendation letters.	No specific requirements for admission into the program. Students who declare a major/minor in Great Texts are considered Honors College participants.
Apply online at www.baylor.edu/honorscollege/apply. (only one application required)				
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