

Academic Programs of the Honors College

	BIC	Honors Program	University Scholars	Great Texts
	<i>----- Programs that work with your major -----</i>		<i>----- Academic Majors (Bachelor of Arts degree) -----</i>	
<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 not a major but is compatible with most majors at Baylor.	The Honors Program supplements traditional & nontraditional degrees & majors with a focus on classroom discussion, independent research, & interdisciplinary approaches to learning. The hallmark of the program is a thesis, researched during the junior & senior years & 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 (UNSC) Program allows these students the freedom to create an individualized curriculum with the help of an adviser. Program requirements include a sequence of three Great Texts courses, an independently read list of texts, and a senior thesis. 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 will 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 1350 (M + V). Students in the Honors Program may also participate in the BIC and/or University Scholars or Great Texts majors.	No required minimum SAT; however, current scores average above 1400 (M + V). Online application consists of application form, 500-word essay, three letters of recommendation*, 1-2 page resumé (optional). * National Merit Finalists not required to submit recommendation letters.	No specific requirements for admission into the program. Students who declare a major in Great Texts are considered Honors College participants.
Apply online at www.baylor.edu/honorscollege/apply . (Complete the general information page, and then apply to specific programs.)				
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