Welcome to Baylor University’s Premiere

Baylor Interdisciplinary Core Honors Program
University Scholars
Great Texts
Alternative core curriculum – replaces most general studies courses
Not a major, minor, or elective
Works with most degrees and programs on campus
Interdisciplinary focus on primary texts, global studies, and community
Four-year program, with course sequences concentrated in freshman and sophomore years
### General Education Requirements
- English (12 hrs)
- Religion (6 hrs)
- Fine Arts (6-9 hrs)
- Lab Science (12 hrs)
- Social Science (18 hrs)
- Human Performance (4 hrs)
- Math (3 hrs)
- Foreign Language (3-14 hrs)

**TOTAL: 78 hrs**

### Baylor Interdisciplinary Core

#### Rhetoric
- Rhetoric (7 hrs)

#### Examined Life
- Examined Life (8 hrs; includes Capstone Seminar)
  
  (Completed through Rhetoric & World Cultures)

#### Natural World + 1 Lab Science
- Natural World + 1 Lab Science (12 hrs)

#### World Cultures
- World Cultures (15 hrs)

#### Social World
- Social World (6 hrs)

- Human Performance (2 hrs)
- Math (3 hrs)
- Foreign Language (3-14 hrs)

**TOTAL: 67 hrs**
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Honors Program Requirements</th>
<th>Baylor Interdisciplinary Core *</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>First Year of Study</strong></td>
<td><strong>First Year of Study</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Fall</em></td>
<td><em>Fall</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honors Course</td>
<td>BIC 1314 World Cultures I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Spring</td>
<td><em>Spring</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honors Course</td>
<td>BIC 1324 World Cultures II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional Honors Unit</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Second Year of Study</strong></td>
<td><strong>Second Year of Study</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Fall</em></td>
<td><em>Fall</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honors Course</td>
<td>BIC 2334 World Cultures III</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional Honors Unit</td>
<td>BIC 2330 Social World I</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><em>Spring</em></td>
<td><em>Spring</em></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honors Course</td>
<td>BIC 2344 World Cultures IV</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honors Course</td>
<td>BIC 2340 Social World II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honors 3200 Colloquium I</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* with group contract for Honors credit
Admission Requirements

- Anyone admitted to Baylor may apply
- Information available at www.baylor.edu/bic
  - Web site features FAQs about program
- Apply online at www.baylor.edu/honorscollege/apply
Honors Program

- Honors courses supplement requirements for traditional & nontraditional degrees/majors
- Lower-level: Honors courses toward degree requirements
- Upper-level: Colloquium sequence and thesis-related courses
- Focus on supervised readings and research
Admission Requirements

- Highly qualified entering students should apply
- Apply online at www.baylor.edu/honorscollege/apply
- Applicants not admitted for the fall semester may join effective in the 2nd semester if they achieve a 3.6 or higher fall GPA at Baylor
- www.baylor.edu/honors_program
A Select Group

- 229 students total — 1.6 percent of Baylor’s total student population
- 59 National Merit Finalists
- 1430 average SAT score
A Flexible Curriculum

- Replaces general education and major requirements with a minimum set of core requirements
  - University Scholars classes: Great Texts/University Scholars classes (9 hours)
  - Religion (6 hours)
  - Senior Thesis (6 hours)

- Allows students to develop an individualized plan in consultation with an advisor

- Ideal for students with multiple interests in the liberal arts and sciences

- Ideal for self-motivated and inquiring students; incorporates an independent reading list
Admission Requirements

- One letter of recommendation by a present or former teacher*

- Advanced placement or college-level courses previously taken or currently enrolled

- All University Scholars have dual enrollment in the Honors Program.

- Apply online at www.baylor.edu/honorscollege/apply

* Letter(s) previously submitted with Baylor application are sufficient. Recommendation letters are not required for National Merit Finalists.
What is the Great Texts Program?

The Great Texts program offers an integrated humanities education, based on the study of the major writings of the Western intellectual tradition — from antiquity to the present.

What makes Baylor’s Great Texts Program unique?

1) **We ask questions that cross disciplinary boundaries**—in contrast to the tendency for modern disciplines to isolate questions regarding knowledge from questions about ethical action or those regarding beauty.

2) **We study complete texts rather than excerpts**—with a view to the artistic and intellectual integrity of the works in their historical contexts, while remaining open to the challenges that these texts continue to pose for readers today.
What makes Baylor’s Great Texts Program unique?

3) **We read texts across genres, nationalities, and historical periods**—learning to address the questions underlying a wide spectrum of human inquiry, whether scientific, creative, political, or theological study.

4) **We recognize the central place of Christian faith in the “great conversation”** that these texts engage.
Why Study Great Texts?

Students who major in Great Texts are:

1) **Versatile**: they are prepared to handle the unpredictable challenges of professional life because they understand the connections between our words, our imagination and our ethical deliberations. The professions chosen by our graduates include, for example, professional writing, pharmacology, international non-profit work, screen-play writing, and education.

2) **Leaders**: they ask questions that lead to real understanding, and they tell stories that move people to action. They have this capacity for leadership as professionals and as scholars because they understand not simply how to do things but why.

3) **Practical Thinkers**: they have experience connecting specific people and situations to general principles (practical wisdom). As a result, our students learn to discern how best to work with people in the particular situations that they face daily.
Opportunities to take Great Texts courses:

- Major or Minor in GTX (or secondary major): may be combined with pre-professional track; participation in Honors Program possible but not required.

- Honors Program: Two-course GTX sequence

- UNSC Program: Two-course GTX sequence & Capstone course.

For more information see:

- [http://www.baylor.edu/Great_Texts/](http://www.baylor.edu/Great_Texts/)
Scholarships

- Apply online in January
- Need + Merit-based (FAFSA required)
- Renewable if recipient…
  - Remains enrolled in an Honors College program
  - Maintains 3.6 GPA or higher
  - Submits annual FAFSA

More information:
www.baylor.edu/honorscollege/scholarships
Thank you for attending Premiere!

Baylor Interdisciplinary Core
Great Texts Program
Honors Program
University Scholars Program