

Common Course
A&S Core Curriculum

- I. Course Title: University Chapel
- II. Credit Hours: required, no credit
- III. Course Level: 1000
- IV. Department or Departments responsible for teaching course: Office of University Chaplain

V. Description:

No change to current Baylor catalog description (pp. 37-38). Baylor students gather to worship together; to engage important issues of our day; and to be inspired by speakers, artists, academicians, and leaders from every vocation.

VI. Core Curriculum Objectives:

- 1. As a common course providing all students a shared foundation of worship and knowledge through chapel services, University Chapel will strive to offer a collective sacred experience as a critical dimension of a transformational Christian education.
- 2. As students worship together, they will be invited into a service that both speaks to where they are and exposes them to the worship tradition of the larger Body of Christ.
- 3. Worship services and other programs will aim to lift the spirit and prompt vocational imagination.
- 4. Worship services will challenge students to engage their world by serving others and promoting peace and justice.

VII. Justification for course:

Baylor Catalog, Curriculum Organization, General Education Outcomes: (p. 30): Baylor graduates should be able to: communicate, . . . think critically, [and] . . . *demonstrate knowledge of the Christian scriptures and heritage that enables engagement with others from a Christian perspective*... commitment to social and civic responsibility. (italics added)

A&S Vision Statement Preamble: "The College of Arts & Sciences core curriculum is the foundation for a degree from Baylor University; it serves to educate men and women to *become informed and productive* citizens of a democracy and *servant leaders of faith communities*." (italics added)