The Cultural Events Experience

Students are required to attend twelve approved Cultural Events Experiences with at least two events from each of the following categories: Art, Film, Music, Theatre, and Literature/World Cultures. Students can receive credit for up to four events per year for at least three years to achieve the twelve event credits required for graduation. Students entering Baylor with 30 hours receive two event credits. Students entering Baylor with 60 hours receive six event credits.

The objectives of the Cultural Events Experience are to:

1. Expose students to a wide variety of fine arts and cultural events on the Baylor campus and with Baylor-sponsored programs.
2. Allow for maturation and growth in a student’s reception, interpretation, and appreciation of the fine arts and cultural events over an extended period of time.
3. Foster cultural literacy, critical thinking, interpretive analysis, acceptable social interaction, human empathy, and patronage of the arts.

Though the term “cultural” is often construed broadly to include many aspects of human civilization, the Cultural Events Experience (CEE) at Baylor is intended for the fine arts, specifically art, music, theatre, film, and literature, with the additional focus of these arts as seen through the lens of world cultures. The CEE requirement was originally conceived and promoted by the fine arts departments at Baylor as a more inclusive and meaningful way to engage students in the arts than in previously required fine arts courses.

Additionally, events sponsored for the CEE program are meant to encourage engagement specifically within the Baylor community, as an important extension of the liberal arts conversations that happen on campus and among Baylor faculty and students. The intent of the CEE program is not only to inspire students and to foster fine arts patronage, but also to involve students in the varied cultural life of the university through communal experience and enriching conversation. For this reason, all events for CEE credit are led by the fine arts expertise of the Baylor faculty and/or guest artists of the university. While students are encouraged to attend fine arts events outside the university, any event providing CEE credit will primarily be a Baylor University event.