

THE EXAMINED LIFE sequence provides students with the skills and knowledge to make a successful transition into college from high school and to enable them to form connections between their lives in the university and their lives in the wider community. This three-course sequence guides students in making sound life choices for personal wellness by enhancing their critical thinking and decision making skills.

Examined Life I: Human Development & College Life-First Year, Fall Semester (replaces UNIV 1000)

Examined Life II: Biblical Heritage & Contemporary Ethical Issues-Third Year, Spring Semester

Examined Life III: Baylor Interdisciplinary Core Capstone-Fourth Year, Spring Semester

THE WORLD CULTURES sequence, a five-course humanities sequence, explores selected elements of the human story from the emergence of civilizations to the present. Students study written texts, works of art and music, examples of urban design and monumental architecture, and that represent the diverse achievements of human civilizations. Each World Cultures course is structured to enhance students' historical consciousness and uses discussion groups that focus on the in-depth exploration of primary texts. Faculty from the College of Arts & Sciences (the departments of History, Modern Foreign Languages, Philosophy, & Religion, for example) design and team-teach the courses of this sequence.

World Cultures I: Roots of Culture-First Year, Fall Semester

World Cultures II: Religion & Culture-First Year, Spring Semester

World Cultures III: The Modern World-Second Year, Fall Semester

World Cultures IV: The United States in the World-Second Year, Spring Semester

World Cultures V: Differing Visions & Realities-Fourth Year, Fall Semester

THE WORLD OF RHETORIC, a two-semester course sequence, develops reading, writing, oral communication, interpretive, and thinking skills. This sequence works with themes that are connected to the interdisciplinary texts of the world cultures sequence. The aim of The World of Rhetoric is to help students develop skills in textual and contextual analysis as well as in forming well-developed ideas that may be communicated to a specific audience, clearly and cogently.

World of Rhetoric I: Writing & Speaking-First Year, Fall Semester

World of Rhetoric II: Rhetoric in Context-First Year, Spring Semester

SOCIAL WORLD is a two-semester course sequence emphasizing the foundations and development of the social sciences (political science, psychology, anthropology, economics, sociology), the tools of these disciplines (quantitative and qualitative), and the use of the social sciences in analyzing current social issues. Faculty from the humanities and the social sciences are involved in this interdisciplinary course.

Social World I: The City & the Soul-Second Year, Fall Semester

Social World II: Modernity and the Problem of Order-Second Year, Spring Semester

NATURAL WORLD sequence consists of two semesters in which students explore historical influences on the development of science, and the connections between global contemporary environmental/science issues and concepts. Unlike other introductory science courses at Baylor and most other universities, this multidisciplinary course is designed and team-taught by faculty from the different natural science disciplines. The course is structured around current topical events with emphasis on understanding the geological, biological, chemical processes, as well as human emotional and cognitive behavior. This multidisciplinary approach is critical for understanding the fundamental relation between science and the humanities, and how relevant science is to their lives.

Natural World I & II-Second Year, Fall and Spring Semesters