
**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
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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 (7 hrs)

Examined Life (8 hrs; includes
Capstone Seminar)

(Completed through *Rhetoric & World Cultures*)

Natural World + 1 Lab Science (12 hrs)

World Cultures (15 hrs)

Social World (6 hrs)

Human Performance (2 hrs)

Math (3 hrs)

Foreign Language (3-14 hrs)

TOTAL: 67 hrs



Honors Program Requirements

First Year of Study

Fall

Honors Course

Spring

Honors Course

Additional Honors Unit

Second Year of Study

Fall

Honors Course

Additional Honors Unit

Spring

Honors Course

Honors Course

Honors 3200 Colloquium I

Baylor Interdisciplinary Core *

First Year of Study

Fall

→ BIC 1314 World Cultures I

Spring

→ BIC 1324 World Cultures II

Second Year of Study

Fall

→ BIC 2334 World Cultures III

→ BIC 2330 Social World I

Spring

→ BIC 2344 World Cultures IV

→ BIC 2340 Social World II

* 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
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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
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A Select Group

- 229 students total — 1.6 percent of Baylor's total student population
 - 59 National Merit Finalists
 - 1430 average SAT score
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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
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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.



Great Texts Program

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.
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Great Texts Program

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.
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Great Texts Program

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.
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Great Texts Program

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/
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Honors College

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



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