

Overview of BIC/Honors Curriculum

Being in both the BIC and Honors Program provides you with flexibility as to how you complete your required Honors course work. The schedule below is one way for students in the BIC to earn Honors Program credit without having to take a significant number of additional Honors sections outside of the BIC during the freshman and sophomore years. (You are free to take other Honors classes in place of the BIC group contracts; students often do so when there is an Honors section of a class in their professional program or major.) In many cases, satisfying a BIC group contract requires attending some supplemental discussion meetings outside of the regular BIC class or the completion of an extra reading assignment.

	<i>Fall Term</i>	<i>Spring Term</i>
	Semester	Semester
First Year of Study	BIC 1314 (with group contract for Honors credit)	BIC 1324 (with group contract for Honors credit)
		Additional Honors unit Course:
Second Year of Study	BIC 2334 (with group contract for Honors credit)	HON 3200: Colloquium I (may be taken in the fall semester)
	BIC 2330 (with group contract for Honors credit)	BIC 2344 (with group contract for Honors credit)
		BIC 2340 (with group contract for Honors credit)
Third Year of Study	HON 3100: Adv. Readings & Research I (usually taken during this semester)	Hon 3100 (if not taken in the fall): ----- Hon 3101: Advanced Readings & Research II
	Additional Honors unit (upper level) Course:	Additional Honors unit (upper level) Course:
Fourth Year of Study	HON 4V87 (2 hrs) Honors Thesis	HON 4V87 (2 hrs) Honors Thesis HON 4088 Honors Exit Review
	Additional Honors unit (upper level) Course:	(Note: Contracts cannot be completed during a student's final semester at Baylor)

"Additional Honors units" are Honors sections of classes required for your major, minor, program, or elective. The last three Additional Honors units must be in classes at the 3000 or 4000 level. Note that up to two Honors units may be completed through the alternative means listed in the Honors Program Student Handbook.

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If you participate in all three Honors College programs (the Trifecta), you should follow the above guide for the four years you are in the Honors Program.

Great Texts/BIC/Honors Curriculum

Students with a major or minor in Great Texts should follow the above

Honors curriculum guide and petition for BIC classes to substitute for GTX 2301/2302.

Additional Honors Units:

- Honors courses
- Honors contracts
- Colloquium may be taken a second time (as HON 3201) to satisfy an upper-level Honors unit

Max. of 2 Honors Units by these means:

- Leader in FRP
- Pulse staff for one year
- HSAC/BICLC for one acad. year.
- Book or Film Club (x2; upper level credit requires leading once)
- Study Abroad response
- Select scholarship competitions

Half Honors Unit by these means:

- Participate in Book Club/ Film Club for 1 semester
- Present research, esp. @ Honors Week

Color Code:

Required Honors Class

Honors Units (flexible)

Honors Thesis

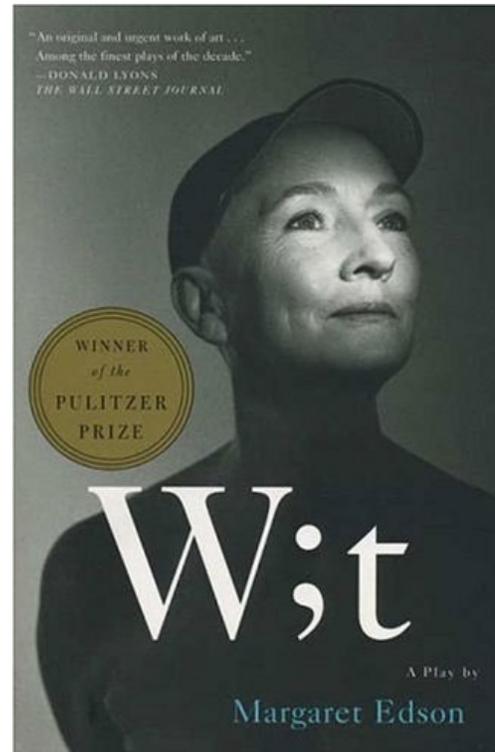
Freshman Reading Project:

Introduction to the Honors Program

Welcome to the Honors Program! The Honors Program faculty and staff are glad you are at Baylor, and we look forward to getting to know you this fall. If you should have any question about the Honors Program over the summer, please don't hesitate to contact us at your earliest convenience (hp@baylor.edu, or albert_beck@baylor.edu). Our offices are located in Morrison Hall 203.

Freshman Reading Project:

In preparation for the fall, you will participate in the Freshman Reading Project. Each year the Honors Program selects a book to be read by all incoming first-year Honors students. The Freshman Reading Project promotes community through the common experience of reading and discussing a thought-provoking text. Please read the book *before* arriving at Baylor. Once on campus, you will engage in a discussion with other students about the themes and ideas gleaned from your reading. **Completion of the Freshman Reading Project is required to remain in the Honors Program.**



This year's reading, *Wit*, is the winner of the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award, the Drama Desk Award, the Outer Critics Circle Award, and various other awards. Here is a summary of the book taken from the Barnes and Noble web site:

Margaret Edson's powerfully imagined play examines what makes life worth living through her exploration of one of existence's unifying experiences—mortality—while she also probes the vital importance of human relationships. What we as her audience take away from this remarkable drama is a keener sense that, while death is real and unavoidable, our lives are ours to cherish or throw away—a lesson that can be both uplifting and redemptive. As the playwright herself puts it, "The play is not about doctors or even about cancer. It's about kindness, but it shows arrogance. It's about compassion, but it shows insensitivity."

You can purchase *Wit* at the Baylor Bookstore, [Barnes and Noble](#), [Amazon](#), and a variety of other book retailers.

Margaret Edson, *Wit: A Play* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1999)

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