

# Wintermester Student FAQs

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### 1. When is the Wintermester?

The Wintermester runs from December 17 (Thursday) through January 7 (Thursday).

### 2. What days during the Wintermester are considered holidays?

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 3. What classes will be offered?

All courses will be ASYNCHRONOUS.

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ECO 2307.W1 (CRN 43803)	Dr. Mark Kelly, Asyn.
ENG 2310.W1 (CRN 43796)	Dr. Maura Jortner, Asyn.
HIS 1300.W1 (CRN 43797)	Dr. David Smith, Asyn.
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### 4. How much time should I plan to spend on my class each day during Wintermester?

- Consider your class your full-time job, spending 7-9 hours per day.
- It is extremely important NOT TO FALL BEHIND BY EVEN ONE DAY.

### 5. Can I drop the class?

Yes, you can drop the class. The last day to drop without a W is December 18<sup>th</sup>. Send an email to [wintermester@baylor.edu](mailto:wintermester@baylor.edu) (NOT TO YOUR ADVISOR) by that date. You can also drop between December 19-30<sup>th</sup> and you will receive a W on your transcript.

### 6. What technology do I need?

You need a computer, a webcam/microphone (built-in is fine), and a reliable internet connection.

NOTE: If you do not have access to a laptop computer, a limited number of laptop computers are available from HelpDesk+ in the Library until Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. If you need to borrow one, begin the request process here: <https://www.baylor.edu/ssi/index.php?id=972099> Please ensure that you make these arrangements as early as possible before leaving campus for the semester.

### 7. Who do I contact for help?

**General & Technology** - [Wintermester@baylor.edu](mailto:Wintermester@baylor.edu) – This dedicated email is devoted to the students, faculty, and staff participating in the 2020 Wintermester. It will be actively monitored M-F, 8-5 CST.

**Canvas** - For Canvas issues, please contact Canvas support via chat, phone, or email (<https://www.baylor.edu/canvas/>, 844.334.0228). Canvas support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

**Medical/Counseling** – The 24/7 Nurse Helpline will be available during this time and can be reached by calling 254-710-1010. Online students will have access to counseling services through Compysch during

this period. Compsych provides the EAP services for the University employees and we have a contract with them to provide these same services for our graduate and online students. Please see the link below for more information:

[https://www.baylor.edu/counseling\\_center/index.php?id=966811](https://www.baylor.edu/counseling_center/index.php?id=966811)

## 8. What Student Success Services will be open to help me succeed?

**The Library:** On class days, the library question form (<https://libanswers.baylor.edu/ask>) and inbox ([libraryquestions@baylor.edu](mailto:libraryquestions@baylor.edu)) will be monitored, though response time may be delayed. All library electronic resources, including the library website, will be available throughout the Wintermester. The library building will be open ONLY Dec 17 and Jan 4-7

**Academic Support:** Because of the pace of a Wintermester class, we encourage students to take a class where they feel confident in their self-management and study skills. Here are some academic support resources to consider taking advantage of:

**In Advance of Wintermester, Set up a Coaching Appointment:** Please email

[Academic\\_Support@baylor.edu](mailto:Academic_Support@baylor.edu) no later than Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> if you would like to plan strategies for your Wintermester class with a professional on staff.

**Tutoring:** 1:1 Tutoring will not be available during the Wintermester in any of these classes by Baylor personnel. However, the Tutoring Center recommends getting help from [www.wyzant.com](http://www.wyzant.com) for professional tutoring outside of Baylor.

**Emergency Strategic Help (test prep & recovery, time management):** Email [wintermester@baylor.edu](mailto:wintermester@baylor.edu).

**Find On-Demand Help for the Following Available 24/7**

- [Specific Tips for Online Learning](#)
- [Notetaking](#)
- [Procrastination](#)
- [Reading](#)
- [Test Preparation](#)
- [And Much more!](#)

**OALA:** If you are a student with a diagnosed disability and will need to use accommodations during Wintermester, reach out to your Accommodation Specialist **on or before Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. If you are unsure who your Accommodation Specialist is, email [OALA@baylor.edu](mailto:OALA@baylor.edu) or call 254-710-3605. If a need arises when the university is closed, [wintermester@baylor.edu](mailto:wintermester@baylor.edu) and the staff will be in touch with OALA.

**The Store:** If you are local to the Waco area and need supplemental food for your academic success, The Store, Baylor's on-campus food pantry, will be open on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>, Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>, and Monday January 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-5pm.

## 9. Will the Writing Center be open?

No, however the Writing Center has provided the following resources:

University Writing and Grammar Resources

- Purdue OWL (Online Writing Lab): [owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/)
- University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill: [writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/](http://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/)
- Texas A&M University: [writingcenter.tamu.edu/Students/Writing-Speaking-Guides](http://writingcenter.tamu.edu/Students/Writing-Speaking-Guides)
- Indiana University: [wts.indiana.edu/writing-guides/index.html](http://wts.indiana.edu/writing-guides/index.html)

Style Guides and Grammar Handbooks

- Grammar Girl: [quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl](http://quickanddirtytips.com/grammar-girl)
- The Elements of Style: [bartleby.com/141/index.html](http://bartleby.com/141/index.html)
- Writer's Web Handbook: [writing2.richmond.edu/writing/wweb.html](http://writing2.richmond.edu/writing/wweb.html)

10. What other services will be available during the term?

- **Baylor Police** will be working 24/7 during the holiday to protect those who live on-campus. If you live in Waco but off-campus, Waco PD will be available. 254-710-2222
- **Report It** will be monitored, but as it is not an emergency response tool, any response will be after staff return to work. Emergencies should be reported to BUPD. <https://www.baylor.edu/reportit/>

11. What will be closed?

The university as a whole will be closed December 18 through January 3. This will include, among others: Library, Counseling Services, Health Center Services, Care Team Services, Student Life Center, and SUB.

12. How do I get my books?

Books will be available through the Baylor Bookstore after November 20<sup>th</sup>.

13. Can I take a Wintermester course AND be enrolled in a different institution simultaneously (concurrent enrollment)?

No, Baylor University will not recognize concurrent enrollment if a student is enrolled in the Wintermester.