



# Baylor University

HONORS COLLEGE

*Love truth, kindle faith, and cultivate virtue in friendship, study, and service to Christ and neighbor.*

## OPPORTUNITIES

### ACADEMIC MAJORS

University Scholars

Great Texts

### GENERAL EDUCATION

Baylor Interdisciplinary Core

### ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENTS

Honors Program

*Students may participate in one or more of these opportunities in the Honors College, and may mix these opportunities with other non-Honors College options offered by the University. Our students often continue their studies in graduate, medical or law school upon graduation, or they land competitive jobs in diverse fields responsive to their vocation.*

## ACADEMIC MAJORS

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

#### OVERVIEW

This major allows students to create an individualized curriculum with the support of a faculty advisor. Students develop concentrations in two or more academic disciplines to prepare them for their post-baccalaureate goals. All students are members of the Honors Program and complete a thesis.

#### WHO CHOOSES THIS MAJOR?

University Scholars (UNSC) is the most selective undergraduate major at Baylor built on the study of the liberal arts and sciences. University Scholar students represent approximately 2% of Baylor's incoming class, and often include National Merit Finalists. UNSC has annual enrollment of 80 students.

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### GREAT TEXTS

#### OVERVIEW

Great Texts (GTX) offers both a major and a minor that give students practical skills through life-changing encounters with foundational works of literature, theology and philosophy in small, seminar-style classes. Students consider the messy questions that modern disciplines often set aside, exploring the connections between what we know, how we live and what we enjoy. The curriculum also includes study of the fine arts and the history and philosophy of science, with flexibility that allows ample time to pursue optional pre-professional tracks.

#### WHO CHOOSES THIS MAJOR?

GTX majors are often distinguished by a desire for practical wisdom, integrity, and generous living. Many students go on to pursue medicine, law, education, ministry or graduate studies.

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## GENERAL EDUCATION

### BAYLOR INTERDISCIPLINARY CORE

#### OVERVIEW

The Baylor Interdisciplinary Core (BIC) is a program designed for students of all majors who desire to bridge disciplines and understand our interconnected world through an alternate core curriculum that offers small, seminar-style classes with an integrated and global approach to learning. The BIC offers an interdisciplinary focus that allows students to explore the interrelation of the humanities, social sciences, and physical sciences. Students are part of a cohort for the first two years where classes are team-taught by professors across disciplines. The BIC does not require a senior thesis.

#### WHO CHOOSES THIS PROGRAM?

BIC students have a love of the humanities, along with a desire to engage in interdisciplinary discussions and global experiences. BIC has annual enrollment of 200 students.

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## ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENTS

### HONORS PROGRAM

#### OVERVIEW

The Honors Program (HP) offers smaller, distinctive classes and encourages an in-depth approach to learning with close faculty contact. The hallmark of the program is a thesis completed in collaboration with a faculty member towards the end of your degree.

#### WHO CHOOSES THIS PROGRAM?

Students choose this program for the opportunity to delve more deeply into courses and a topic of their choosing by engaging in independent research opportunities that culminate in the senior thesis. HP has annual enrollment of 250 students.

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## HOUSING

### HONORS RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

The Honors Residential College (HRC) is an optional multi-year community that fosters intellectual, moral and spiritual formation through friendship, integrated study, community service and spiritual engagement. The HRC is home to 320 Baylor students enrolled in one of the Honors College majors or programs above (Baylor Interdisciplinary Core, University Scholars, Great Texts, Honors Program). The HRC is located in Alexander and Memorial Halls.

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## THE HONORS COLLEGE

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