



THE COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES CORE CURRICULUM

A distinctive element of Baylor University’s transformational undergraduate education

The unified core curriculum at Baylor University enables students to acquire the shared knowledge, skills and virtues needed to uncover and recognize truth, deepen their faith, live virtuously, strengthen their communities and affect the world in transformative ways.

The core curriculum is based on who Baylor students are:

Students are **rational** beings.
 Students are **spiritual** beings.
 Students are **creative** beings.
 Students are **citizens**.
 Students are **inhabitants of the physical world**.
 These values and beliefs lay the groundwork for how Baylor’s curriculum is designed.

How The Core Curriculum Works

Core Curriculum (47-54 hours)	+ Major	+ Secondary Major and/or Double Major Minors Certificates Exploratory Courses Study Abroad Experiences	= Baylor Degree
Common Courses (15 hours) + Distribution Lists (32-39 hours)	(27-36 hours)	(36-50 hours)	124 hours to graduate

Common Courses (15 hours): Shared Experience

Arts & Sciences’ students complete the following common courses and experiences, setting the foundation for future studies.

- ENG 2310: American Literary Cultures
- HIS 1300: The United States in Global Perspective
- PSC 1387: The U.S. Constitution, Its Interpretation and the American Political Experience
- REL 1310: Christian Scriptures
- REL 1350: Christian Heritage
- Chapel (2 semesters)
- Creative Arts Experience (events from Baylor’s art, music, theatre, film, and literature and world cultures programs)

Distribution Lists (32-39 hours): Flexibility and Personalization

Baylor’s core curriculum is designed to give students flexibility and space within their degree to pursue minors, secondary majors and certificates. Students have the freedom to choose from a wide variety of courses within each distribution list below to satisfy requirements.

- Communication and Media Literacy
- Contemporary Social Issues
- Fine Arts and Performing Arts
- Foreign Languages and Cultures
- Formal Reasoning
- Lifetime Fitness
- Literature in Context
- Research Writing
- Scientific Method I: Laboratory Experience
- Scientific Method II: Grand Challenges of Science



Arts & Sciences’ students who are interested in an alternative curriculum may apply to the Baylor Interdisciplinary Core program (BIC) through Baylor’s Honors College. The BIC program provides a close-knit community, field-trip experiences and seminar-style classes where students can explore such subjects as Rhetoric, World Cultures and the Social Sciences. Learn more at: baylor.edu/bic