

# 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.

## Assembling Your Degree

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Core Curriculum (47-54 hours)

**Major** (27-36 hours) Secondary Major Double Major Minors Certificates Exploratory Courses Studies Abroad

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.

- American Literary Cultures
- The United States in Global Perspective
- The U.S. Constitution, Its Interpretation and the American
  Political Experience
- Christian Scriptures
- 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

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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

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- Scientific Method I: Laboratory Experience
- Scientific Method II: Grand Challenges of Science