THIS IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE AT BAYLOR.

On this campus, academic excellence is elevated, a Christian commitment is celebrated, research is cultivated, and the Baylor Family welcomes every freshman with open arms.

Recently named a Research 1 (R1) institution, Baylor continues to light the way as one of 146 research universities representing the top research universities in the nation and pursuing research solutions to the most difficult challenges.

So take an illuminating tour through these pages, then follow your path to Baylor.

OUR MISSION

To educate men and women for worldwide leadership and service by integrating academic excellence and Christian commitment within a caring community.
SPOTLIGHT

FOUNDED 1845
LOCATED IN WACO, TEXAS
AWARD-WINNING CAMPUS ON 1K ACRES

15,191
undergraduates (a true mid-size university)

16:1
student-to-faculty ratio

28
average class size

100+
countries represented

94%
of undergraduate classes are taught by Baylor professors (not grad assistants) who both teach and perform research in their fields

91%
of 2021’s entering transfer students had a cumulative 3.0 GPA or higher

46%
of 2021’s entering transfer students identify as belonging to a racial minority population

31%
of 2021’s entering transfer students are first-generation college students

40%
of 2021’s entering transfer students are from outside the state of Texas

TOP 100
#75 “AMERICA’S BEST COLLEGES” - U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT 2022

SUPERIOR ACADEMICS
NATIONALLY RANKED

#2
first-time overall pass rate for the CPA exam in Texas

#9

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Most Sought-After Colleges and Universities in the United States - Bold.org Scholarship Blog

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SUCCESS AT BAYLOR

73-75%
acceptance rate into medical school for graduating seniors

90%
acceptance rate to law school for graduating seniors 2017-2022

87%
of students find jobs or start graduate school within six months of graduation

3.49 AVERAGE GPA and 1567 AVERAGE LSAT score for Baylor seniors pursuing law school in 2022, which is above the national average

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• Baylor & Beyond
• Business & Innovation
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OFF-CAMPUS
Visit baylor.edu/offcampushousing for guidance on finding off-campus options, including apartment listings; help to find a roommate and essential things to consider when signing a lease and living off-campus.

• The apartments listed on the off-campus website are typically within 3 miles of campus. They must be in full compliance with the Baylor University Police Department (BUPD) and Waco Police Department SAFE unit crime-free multi-housing program (CFMH).
• Many apartment complexes provide shuttles or are within walking distance of the Waco Transit Baylor University Shuttle (B.U.S.) system

OFF-CAMPUS
UPPER-DIVISION COMMUNITY AT UNIVERSITY PARKS
University Parks offers upper-division students the amenities of an apartment with the resources of on-campus housing. University Parks features two to four bedroom furnished apartments with private or shared bathrooms, a living room and a full kitchen. University Parks also includes a clubhouse, outdoor swimming pool and a basketball and volleyball court.

Baylor’s Campus Living and Learning staff can help you determine if on-campus housing is right for you. Learn more at baylor.edu/CLL.

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE WAYS WE SEEK TO INTEGRATE FAITH AND LEARNING:

• Chapel has played an integral role in the life of Baylor University since its inception. Because everyone’s spiritual journey is unique, students are able to select their own chapel experiences created from the communities that are already investing in their spiritual lives. From academic cohorts, Living-Learning Centers, athletics, campus ministries, residential colleges and other programs, there is a chapel experience connected to the groups where students are naturally finding community or in a larger group experience if that is preferred. Learn more at baylor.edu/spirituallife/chapel.
• Religion classes help students examine and understand Christian history, literature and beliefs.
• Service opportunities help students put hands and feet to faith. At Baylor, we believe service can be a whole lot of fun, and we make sure of it through our strong Baptist Student Ministry, mission trips, Steppin’ Out and other community service projects.
• A current Truett Seminary student serves as Resident Chaplain in each residence hall, providing leadership, guidance and support.

Baylor holds firmly to the conviction that the world needs a preeminent research university that is distinctly Christian, where such a commitment does not imply a lack of scholarly inquiry, but rather requires scholarship and creative endeavors at the highest levels of quality to complement and inform its teaching and service.

Being a Christian, however, is not required for admission to Baylor. Our caring community welcomes students from any or no faith background, including those from about 40 different religious affiliations as part of our undergraduate student body.

baylor.edu/spirituallife
Whether playing spikeball, creating an initiative for a cleaner environment, spearheading a fundraiser for cancer research or gaming with the Oso Esports team, there is an opportunity for you to connect and develop leadership skills through student organizations.

baylor.edu/studentactivities

70% of students are involved in a student organization

375+ student organizations

10,000+ student organization events each year

FIRST IN LINE

Will you be the first in your family to earn a college degree? Being a first-generation college student is a proud accomplishment! Our First in Line office provides support, resources and scholarships for our first-generation college students to help them better navigate Baylor successfully. We also provide you with an additional layer of support through peer-led connections in programs like the First in Line Student Society, Ambassador-led First Family Gatherings and monthly workshops. We strive to support, empower and celebrate our first-generation students and are excited to meet you! And be sure to check out the First in Line Success Academy scholarship program, exclusive for incoming, first-generation Bears. For more information, please visit baylor.edu/firstinline.

VETS

The Baylor VETS Program is here to support all our military-connected students and their transition to and through Baylor University. We work to achieve this for this valued population through fostering engaged community, strategic tailored support and offering opportunities to participate in our mission of servant leadership! Learn more about our services and specialized opportunities here: baylor.edu/VETS.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

The Department of Multicultural Affairs enriches the development of each student by encouraging them to celebrate their personal heritage and embrace the cultures of others. In pursuit of this mission, we sponsor three main student coalitions and support their collaborative efforts throughout the year: Black Student Coalition, Coalition of Asian Students and Latinx Coalition. Baylor also has more than 40 multicultural organizations, from academic and professional development to Greek life, religious engagement, special interest activities and other student associations. For more information and to stay up-to-date with events, visit baylor.edu/multicultural.
#4 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- THE WALL STREET JOURNAL/TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION COLLEGE RANKINGS

**FIESTA!** A cultural celebration of the diverse cultures of Latin America through cuisine, art, music and performances.

**CHRISTMAS ON 5TH STREET** A joyful celebration that includes an annual tree lighting, caroling, a live nativity scene and special musical guests.

**STOMPFEST** Teams perform in this annual step show to a variety of musical styles, such as Hip-hop, R&B, Latin American and popular Christian music.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER** One of the most attended on-campus Baylor traditions, this dinner is a time for students, faculty and staff to come together to enjoy food, games, entertainment and fellowship with the Baylor community.

**SING** Student groups compete for bragging rights in this annual Broadway-style music and dance show.

**DR PEPPER HOUR** Each week since 1953, campus has come together to socialize and enjoy Dr Pepper floats during Dr Pepper Hour.

**TRANSFER WELCOME WEEK & WEEKEND** New Baylor Bears enjoy opportunities to connect with other incoming and returning students before classes start in either the fall or spring.

**DIADELOSO** Since 1934, students have been given a day off in Spring to enjoy the outdoors. Diadeloso, or “Day of the Bear,” features athletic tournaments, activities, live music and more.

**THE BAYLOR LINE** This spirit organization, made up of new students — both freshmen and transfers — wears signature gold jerseys as they run on the field at all home football games.

**MOSAIC WEEK** The wonderful diversity at Baylor is highlighted during a series of events hosted by the Department of Multicultural Affairs.

**HOMECOMING** Baylor is believed to have the nation’s oldest and largest Homecoming celebration. Students and alumni enjoy events, such as a bonfire, parade, Pigskin Revue and more.

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BAYLORBEARS.COM

AS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE BIG 12 CONFERENCE, BAYLOR OFFERS THE THRILL AND EXCITEMENT OF DIVISION 1 ATHLETICS!

2021-2022 NATIONAL RANKINGS

#1 ACROBATICS & TUMBLING
#4 MEN’S BASKETBALL
#4 MEN’S TENNIS
#5 MEN’S FOOTBALL
#6 WOMEN’S EQUESTRIAN

#7 WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
#10 WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL
#16 WOMEN’S GOLF
#18 MEN’S TRACK & FIELD

CHAMPIONSHIPS

2021 Big 12 Football Champions
2022 Sugar Bowl Champions
2022 Big 12 Men’s Tennis Champions
2022 NCATA Acrobatics & Tumbling National Champions
TRANSFER ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- We look for applicants with a successful academic record who demonstrate preparedness for the rigors of a Baylor education.
- While the minimum cumulative GPA for most majors is a 2.75, some majors have specific academic requirements. Learn more at baylor.edu/majorrequirements.
- You must be eligible to return to any college or university you have attended.
- Plan to transfer no later than the end of your sophomore year. To receive a Baylor degree, at least 60 hours must be earned in residence at Baylor including the last 30, and you can transfer up to a maximum of 70 hours before your first semester at Baylor.
- If you have fewer than 24 completed credit hours at the time of your application submission, you must also submit freshman application key documents. Baylor does not review or grant course exemptions based on TSI Assessment Scores.
- You may be eligible to receive credit by exam. Visit baylor.edu/studenttesting for more information.

TIPS FOR TRANSFERS

- TRANSFERRING CREDIT
Baylor accepts transfer credits from regionally or nationally accredited and international institutions. To receive credit, you must earn a C or higher and Baylor must have an equivalent course. Learn more and use our Equivalent Course Tool at baylor.edu/transfercredit.

- TRANSFER ADVISING POINTS OF CONTACT
Connect with a Transfer Advising point of contact in whichever college or school you’re interested in, even before coming to campus! They can speak with you about your academic area(s) of interest and help you determine how your credits might transfer to estimate your timeline to graduation. Learn more at baylor.edu/transferadvising.

OFFICE OF TRANSFER STUDENT SUCCESS

Transferring comes with a unique set of challenges that not everyone can understand. Whether you are a new transfer, have been at Baylor for a while or are just weighing your transfer options, the Office of Transfer Student Success can help you get the academic support you need and help you find where you belong at Baylor! Contact the Office of Transfer Student Success for any help you may need at Transfer_Success@Baylor.edu.

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Most transfer students have the freedom to choose to enter Baylor during Fall, Spring OR Summer semesters. Contact your academic department for more information on recommended entry terms and visit baylor.edu/transfer to view deadlines.

2. Apply through the Baylor Online Application at baylor.edu/goBAYLOR. You’ll track your application status through your goBAYLOR account. This is where we will communicate what is needed to complete your application file and additional enrollment steps for accepted students. There is no application fee.

3. Key documents must be postmarked by the application deadline. The key documents required vary based on the number of credit hours a student has already completed at the time they submit their application.
   a. If you will have more than 24 credit hours earned after high school graduation when you apply, you must submit:
      - Official transcripts from each college attended reporting final grades for all classes attempted for each semester enrolled.
   b. If you will have less than 24 credit hours earned after high school graduation when you apply, you must submit:
      - Official final high school transcript with a clearly marked graduation date.
      - SAT or ACT scores – only if you want those scores considered in your admissions application. Learn more about applying Test Optional at baylor.edu/test-optional.
      - Official transcripts from each college attended reporting final grades for all classes attempted for each semester enrolled.

4. To be considered for the maximum amount of financial aid, you must submit both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile by the final deadline on February 1.

5. Additional steps may be required based on your individual circumstances. Check your goBAYLOR account for more details about these items.

MEET YOUR COUNSELOR

If you’re looking to talk about all things Baylor and the admissions process, visit baylor.edu/meet to connect with your admissions counselor, ask questions and/or schedule a time to meet one-on-one. If you feel more comfortable speaking in a language other than English, please contact admissions@baylor.edu to connect with one of our bilingual counselors, who are happy to assist you.
There are many ways to make a Baylor education fit your family’s budget. Very few students pay the full tuition “sticker price” and are able to fund their education through various scholarships, financial aid, loans and payment plans. More than 90% of students receive financial aid, and 86% receive merit scholarships. So this number could look different for your specific situation. Explore all the ways to fund your Baylor education at baylor.edu/affordability.

**OPTION 1: MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Your comprehensive academic record and a full review of your completed Baylor application file determine your eligibility for a Baylor merit scholarship. No additional application is required. All applicants are considered for merit scholarships when they apply, including students who apply as test optional.

**OPTION 2: FINANCIAL AID**

To be considered for the maximum amount of financial aid, you must submit BOTH the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov and the CSS Profile at cssprofile.collegeboard.org. Both applications open on October 1 and should be submitted by the final deadline to be considered for the most available funds:

**Final Deadline:**
- Transfer Spring, Summer and Fall Admission: February 1
- Regular Spring, Summer and Fall Admission: April 1

If you miss the final deadline, please submit an application as soon as possible to be considered for any remaining funds.

The FAFSA will determine your eligibility for these programs: grants, educational loans and federal work-study.

The CSS Profile will determine your eligibility for institutional, need-based aid.

**OPTION 3: SPECIALTY BAYLOR AWARDS**

Baylor offers a variety of “specialty” scholarships for students who meet specific qualifications (i.e. leadership, academic, extracurricular activities, denomination, legacy status, athletics, military, housing choice, departmental, transfer). You can learn more about these awards at baylor.edu/typesofaid.

**OPTION 4: OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

We recommend you apply for as many outside/private scholarships as possible. These might include scholarships offered by local businesses or service/religious organizations. Your school’s transfer coordinator may be able to assist you in determining what is available in your community.

**OPTION 5: PAYMENT PLANS**

Baylor offers an installment plan that allows you to pay your out-of-pocket cost each semester in five monthly payments. You can learn more about this option at baylor.edu/sfs/installment.

**PRO TIP:** Some questions will be the same on the FAFSA and CSS Profile. Make sure you answer consistently, or your award package will be delayed until conflicting information is resolved.

**INCLUDED WITH YOUR COST OF ATTENDANCE**

**ACADEMICS** • Academic Advising • Mentoring • Supplemental Instruction • Tutoring • Undergraduate Research Opportunities • University Writing Center

**WELL-BEING** • Access to Pullin Family Marina • Access to the McClane Student Life Center (MCL); Which includes Free-Standing Rock Climbing, Pool and Fitness Classes • Counseling Services • The Store Food Pantry • Free Food Events, Including Seasonal On-Campus Farmer’s Market

**CAREER-FOCUSED** • Career Advising • Career Closet • Graduate School & Career Fairs • Internship Opportunities • Job Search Resources • Mock Interviews • Resume Reviews

**PROGRAMS** • First in Line for First Generation College Students • Multicultural Affairs • Transfer Student Success Office • Veteran Education and Transition Services

**AND MUCH MORE**

**TRANSFER MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

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Renewal is contingent on maintaining a specific Baylor cumulative GPA. Phi Theta Kappa members are eligible for an additional $1,000 per academic year. Send a copy of your Phi Theta Kappa induction certificate to transfer.admissions@baylor.edu, and the award will automatically be added to your financial aid package.

**VETERAN BENEFITS**

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**INVESTMENT**
Whether engaging in undergraduate research, studying abroad or participating in a first-year seminar, each student attending Baylor can expect to engage in at least two high-impact practices (HIPs) as part of their college career if they take advantage of all that Baylor has to offer. Students who experience HIPs tend to earn higher grades and meet personal objectives, build deeper and more positive faculty relationships, acquire necessary skills and develop new ways of thinking. Plus, these evidence-based practices increase the odds of student success beyond the college campus!

"Handshake [Baylor’s career database] helped me so much in finding jobs that fit the criteria I was looking for. It also helped me set up a meeting with the Career Center, in which I was able to ask questions and receive guidance during my job search process."

Jane Park, Corporate Communications Executive Recruiter with McFarlin Stanford
Located in the heart of Texas, Waco is a 90-minute drive from Austin or Dallas/Fort Worth. The Waco Regional Airport makes it easy to connect to flights out of Dallas. While you’re visiting, don’t forget to explore Waco’s hot spots.

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**AROUND TOWN**

- **DICHOTOMY**
- **DR PEPPER MUSEUM**
- **FABLED BOOKSHOP & CAFE**
- **GEORGE’S RESTAURANT & SCHMALTZ’S SANDWICH SHOPPE**
- **SHORTY’S PIZZA SHACK**
- **SUSPENSION BRIDGE**
- **UNION HALL**
- **VITEK’S BBQ**

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Campus tours are available Monday through Friday and select Saturdays. Email us at visit@baylor.edu and let us help create a customized visit experience for you and your guests to explore our beautiful campus and visit academic departments.

If you can’t visit us in person, we have several virtual visit opportunities available, including individual appointments with your admissions counselor, to help you in your college search. You can pick and choose what works with your schedule, and we’ll help you as you create your own tailored Baylor Experience. Learn more at baylor.edu/waystoconnect.

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EXPLORE **WACO**

**TopGolf**

**Waco Mammoth National Monument**

**Common Grounds**

**McLane Stadium**

**Take a pic at our Bear Habitat and tag @baylorbearhabitat**
If accepted to Baylor, you can jump start your academic pursuits at the university. We make it easy for incoming students to begin classes during the summer with our discounted Summer of Discovery courses. Get ahead in your core course requirements and move more quickly into your selected major. Taught by Baylor faculty, each course gives you the opportunity to learn alongside new friends who will be part of your college career. Find out more at [baylor.edu/discovery](http://baylor.edu/discovery).