

Bachelor of Arts

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree with a major in Civics Honors is an honors program that provides a unique and challenging interdisciplinary program of study for a limited number of students whose academic records indicate strong potential and motivation.

Application materials and information about deadlines are available online at <https://admissions.utexas.edu/apply>.

Students who wish to pursue an honors major in the School of Civic Leadership must meet all degree requirements as well as maintain a University grade point average of at least 3.0. All students whose grade point average falls below 3.0 but not below 2.5 will be put on academic review. Students whose grade point average falls below 2.5 at any point after their first semester will be dismissed from the program. Lastly, students who are not enrolled at The University of Texas at Austin for four consecutive long semesters and therefore fail to make satisfactory progress toward the degree will be automatically dismissed from the BA with a major in Civic Honors. Students may appeal these stipulations, and the Dean of the School of Civic Leadership may make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

Prescribed Coursework (36 hours):

The prescribed courses for the degree requirements consist of tools courses, and intellectual foundations courses.[†]

Tools (12 hours)

Although there is no mandatory sequence for these courses, the four-year degree plan encourages students to take these classes during their first two years. This process enhances comradery, builds community, and gives students shared intellectual experiences within the School of Civic Leadership.

Requirements		Hours
ECO 304K	Introduction to Microeconomics (satisfies the Social and Behavioral Science requirement in the Core Curriculum)	3
CIV 312P	Constitutional Principles: Core Texts (satisfies half of Core Govt. requirement when taken with GOV 310L)	3
CIV 304	Foundations of Research Methods for Civics (satisfies the Mathematics requirement in the Core Curriculum)	3
CIV 302	Truth and Persuasion	3

Intellectual Foundations (12 hours)

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Requirements		Hours
CIV 301	Perennial Problems in Civic Thought	3
CIV 303J	Origins of American Institutions	3

CIV 303K	Democracy and Capitalism	3
CIV 305	Excellence of Character: The Virtues	3

Foreign Language (12 hours)

Students must demonstrate an intermediate level of proficiency in a language other than English. An intermediate level of proficiency may be determined by the completion of any one of the following options:

- Certified proficiency on a placement or credit-by-exam test.
- Students with previous experience in the language they plan to use to meet the language requirement must take a language placement test. A student may not select for credit a language course below this placement level without permission of the dean's office.
- A passing grade on 12 sequential semester credit hours in language courses offered at the University.

Requirements	Hours
Foreign Language	12

[†] Effective April 2025, UT Austin no longer requires Skills and Experience flags.