

Great Books (BA)

This program provides a unique and challenging interdisciplinary program of study for a limited number of students whose academic records indicate strong potential and motivation. Students encounter the deepest sources of Western civilization in biblical religion and Greek philosophy and then renew their engagement with these sources through the works of the philosophers, authors, and artists who have wrestled with the enduring themes of human life. The program cultivates students' capacity for wisdom-seeking and prepares them to respond to recurrent change in a variety of vocations by anchoring them in an understanding of these permanent questions and deepest truths. The program partners well with numerous specialized disciplines and professional trajectories by strengthening the habits of mind and heart required for the ongoing need to integrate deep thoughtfulness with specialized learning.

Admission

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

First-year applicants and external transfer students submit an application for admission to the program's honors concentration. Students wishing to pursue the program as a simultaneous major may apply to either the honors or non-honors concentration by internal transfer.

Total Hours Required: 120

Plan of Study

The Plan of Study is a suggested four-year course sequence to support academic planning and serves as a helpful guide. Currently enrolled students should meet with their academic advisor to tailor their course selections and timelines to their individual goals and circumstances.

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Semester 1		
G B 313C	Ancient Worlds I: Human and Divine	3
<u>First-Year Signature Course (090)</u>		3
<u>Communication (010)</u>		3
CIV 303C	Foundations of American Civics (satisfies half of <u>American and Texas Government (070)</u> requirement)	3
<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
G B 313D	Ancient Worlds II: Philosophy and the City	3
<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>		3
<u>Communication (010)</u>		3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		15
Year 2		
Semester 1		
G B 334C	Classical and Medieval Worlds	3
<u>Mathematics (020)</u>		3
CIV 312P or GOV 312P	Constitutional Principles: Core Texts or Constitutional Principles: Core Texts	3
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		6
Hours		15
Semester 2		
G B 334D	Renaissance, Reformation, and the Age of Reason	3
CIV 302C or CTI 302	Classics of Social and Political Thought or Classics of Social and Political Thought	3
<u>Humanities (040)</u>		3

<u>U.S. History (060)</u>		3
<u>American and Texas Government (070)</u>		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Semester 1		
G B 345C	The Modern Soul	3
Free Elective		3
Transcript-recognized Minor course		3
<u>Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)</u>		3
Hours chosen from: Great Books		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
G B 345D	Romanticism, Revolution, and Reaction	3
Hours chosen from: Great Books		3
Free Elective		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
<u>Visual and Performing Arts (050)</u>		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Semester 1		
Transcript-recognized Minor course		3
Transcript-recognized Minor course		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part I (030)</u>		3
Free Elective		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Semester 2		
Transcript-recognized Minor course		3
Free Elective		3
<u>Natural Science and Technology, Part II (093)</u>		3
Transcript-recognized Minor course		3
Free Elective		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		120

Requirements

All requirements are listed below, starting with the most specialized moving to the most general. Additional requirements may follow the table, so be sure to read the entire page. Some required courses listed below may also satisfy General Education requirements, including Core Curriculum.

Code	Title	Hours
Major		
<u>Transcript-recognized minor or certificate</u>		15
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Intermediate Proficiency</u>		12
CIV 312P	Constitutional Principles: Core Texts	3
CIV 302C	Classics of Social and Political Thought	3
or CTI 302	Classics of Social and Political Thought	
G B 313C	Ancient Worlds I: Human and Divine	3
G B 313D	Ancient Worlds II: Philosophy and the City	3
G B 334C	Classical and Medieval Worlds	3
G B 334D	Renaissance, Reformation, and the Age of Reason	3
G B 345C	The Modern Soul	3
G B 345D	Romanticism, Revolution, and Reaction	3
Hours chosen from: (See course list)		6
Subtotal		57
Degree (see details below)		
Free electives: Additional coursework to reach total hours required.		18
Subtotal		18
General Education		

<u>Core Curriculum</u>	42
<u>Foreign Language other than English, Beginning Proficiency</u>	
<u>Subtotal</u>	42
<u>College Requirements - Civic Leadership</u>	
CIV 303C Foundations of American Civics	3
or CIV 303J Origins of American Institutions	
<u>General University Requirements</u>	
Total Hours	120

Course List

Code	Title	Hours
Hours chosen from:		6
G B 327	American Letters: Colonial Times to 1877	
G B 328	American Letters: 1877 through the 20th Century	
G B 335	Great Books in Leadership	
G B 337	Great Books in Law and Justice	
G B 347	Fertility, Birth, Fragility, Dying	
G B 348	Technology and the Human Experience	
G B 338	Classics of Mathematics and Scientific Thought: Antiquity	
G B 339	Classics of Mathematics and Scientific Thought: Modernity	
CIV 310K	Ethics and Leadership in Ancient Greek Drama	
CIV 310L	Ethics and Leadership in Shakespeare's Drama	
CIV 320	Constitutionalism: Ancient and Modern	
CIV 322K	Politics and the Transcendent	
CTI 320	The Classical Quest for Justice	
CTI 321	The Theoretical Foundations of Modern Politics	
CTI 321F	Spinoza and Modernity	
CTI 322	Critics of Modern Liberalism	
CTI 323	Might and Right among Nations	
CTI 324	Politics and Literature	
CTI 325	Morality and Politics	
CTI 325C	Citizenship and Patriotism	
CTI 325D	Chinese Ethics and Political Philosophy	
CTI 325M	Liberty and Empire: Machiavelli	
CTI 325P	Thomas Paine, Liberalism, and the Enlightenment	
CTI 326C	Constitutional Interpretation	
CTI 326J	African American Social and Political Thought	
CTI 326L	Civil Liberties	
CTI 326R	Regime Perspectives on American Politics	
CTI 326S	Structure of Individual Liberties	
CTI 327C	Archaic Greece: Society and Culture	
CTI 327D	The History of Rome: The Republic	
CTI 327E	Roots of Democracy	
CTI 328D	Death and the Afterlife in Graeco-Roman Antiquity	
CTI 329	The Ancient Historians	
CTI 330M	Machiavelli: Politics and Culture	
CTI 330R	The Political Thought of the Reformation	
CTI 331	Origins of Liberalism	
CTI 332	The Sacred and the Secular in Modern European Thought	
CTI 333	Rousseau and His Legacy	
CTI 335C	History of Christian Philosophy	

CTI 335E	Hegel and the Formation of Modern European Identity
CTI 335M	Marx and Marxist Theory
CTI 338	The Question of Relativism
CTI 339	The Pursuit of Happiness
CTI 339M	The Meaning of Life
CTI 340	Ancient Epic
CTI 341	Moral Agency In Greek Tragedy
CTI 343	Love in the East and West
CTI 344	Epics and Heroes of India
CTI 344D	Dante
CTI 344E	War and Epic Literature
CTI 344M	Italian Masterpieces
CTI 345L	Leadership: King Arthur to Queen Elizabeth
CTI 346	The Major Works of Dostoevsky
CTI 347	The Russian Novel
CTI 348	War and Revolution in Russian Literature and Culture
CTI 350	Masterworks of World Drama
CTI 351	The Idea of the Beautiful
CTI 352D	Early Italian Renaissance Art to 1470
CTI 354	Abraham and Abrahamic Religions
CTI 354F	The Five Books of Moses
CTI 354J	The Book of Job
CTI 354L	Law and Justice in the Bible
CTI 354P	Biblical Prophecy
CTI 355	The Bible in the Colonial Americas
CTI 355C	Law, Liberty, and Faith
CTI 355R	The Age of Reformation
CTI 355S	Origin of the Idea of Religious Liberty
CTI 355T	Debating the Bible in the Twenty-First Century
CTI 357	Islamic Theology
CTI 363	The French Revolution and Napoleon
CTI 365	Classics of Social Scientific Thought
CTI 371	Einstein in the Age of Conflict
CTI 371D	Darwin on Origin of Species
CTI 371M	History of Mathematics
CTI 371N	Newton's Principia
CTI 371S	Science and Religion to Newton
CTI 371T	Science and Religion from Newton to the Present
CTI 372	Darwin and the Politics of Evolution
CTI 373	Great Works In Medicine
CTI 374	Biology, Behavior, and Injustice
CTI 375	Topics in Core Texts and Ideas
Total Hours	6