

# Global Baylor: Addressing Challenges to Human Flourishing

Baylor University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The “*Global Baylor: Addressing Challenges to Human Flourishing*” Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is designed to strengthen and enhance student learning that is requisite for the current interdependent global environment in which students live.

Tied to the university-wide *Pro Futuris* strategic planning process, the “*Global Baylor: Addressing Challenges to Human Flourishing*” plan is aligned with the mission of the university and with all five aspirational statements of the strategic plan (transformational education, compelling scholarship, informed engagement, committed constituents, and judicious stewardship) particularly within the context of expanding the institution's international footprint.

Comprised of four interrelated initiatives, the Global Baylor plan challenges students to examine their role in finding real world solutions to global issues (engagement) by evaluating consequences of actions at various levels from local to international (responsibility) and examining their own cultural values and beliefs (self-awareness) while learning about others' cultures (cultural awareness).

- Within the context of the common first-year experience (Chapel) Baylor will introduce students to *global challenges* by engaging them in a particular global theme (i.e., global health for the first four years) and offering them the opportunity to earn a global engagement certificate.
- *Enhanced international travel experiences* will provide new and expanded education abroad opportunities for students that are designed to increase participation and intentionally aligned with the QEP learning outcomes (see, for example, the three 1-credit study abroad courses).
- *Diversity abroad* will target first generation students, students of color, and underrepresented student groups through enhanced advising and scholarships.
- *Global Baylor* will provide coordinated co-curricular events that promote and celebrate engagement of faculty, staff, and students, and will provide a framework for highlighting the QEP successes.

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