Baylor University was founded under the leadership of Judge R.E.B. Baylor, Reverend James Huckins, and Reverend William Milton Tryon, three visionary pioneer missionaries working through the Texas Baptist Education Society. They, along with other associations, sent representatives in 1848 to create the Baptist State Association, which later became the Baptist State Convention.

### Year | Highlight
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1845 | Baylor chartered on February 1 by the Republic of Texas.
1849 | Instruction in law began.
1857 | School of Law organized.
1883 | School of Law closed.
1920 | School of Law reorganized.
1886 | Baylor merged with Waco University and moved to Waco.
1903 | College of Medicine organized in Dallas by assuming responsibility for operations of the University of Dallas Medical Department.
1943 | Moved to Houston.
1969 | Given independent status.
1903 | College of Pharmacy organized in Dallas.
1930 | College or Pharmacy terminated.
1905 | Theological Seminary organized in Waco.
1907 | Separated from Baylor University.
1910 | Moved to Fort Worth.
1918 | College of Dentistry organized in Dallas by taking over the State Dental College, founded in 1905.
1971 | The College was separately incorporated in 1971, although Graduate programs continued to be offered through Baylor University.
1996 | The College became a part of the Texas A&M System on September 1.
1919 | Baylor Hospital organized in Dallas, now Baylor University Medical Center.
1919 | College of Arts and Sciences organized.
1919 | College of Fine Arts organized, which consisted of offerings in music and in expression.
1921 | Terminated in favor of the present School of Music.
1919 | School of Education organized.
1921 | Training School of the Texas Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, originally organized as a diploma-granting program in 1909, incorporated into Baylor University as Baylor Hospital School of Nursing.
1950 | The School of Nursing reorganized as an academic unit of Baylor University offering a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.
2000 | Renamed Louise Herrington School of Nursing in honor of Louise Herrington Ornelas.
1921 | School of Music organized.
1923 | School of Business organized.
1959 | Renamed Hankamer School of Business in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hankamer of Houston.
1947 | Graduate School organized. (Graduate study and degrees have been offered since 1894.)
1951 | Graduate program in hospital administration established in conjunction with the Army Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston.
1971 | Graduate program in physical therapy added at Fort Sam Houston.
1971 | Program in physician’s assistant added in collaboration with the Army Medical Field Service School, Fort Sam Houston; terminated in 1977.
1972 | Army Medical Field Service School renamed Academy of Health Sciences of the U.S. Army.
1973 | Baylor University Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Academy of Health Sciences affiliated over 20 programs of instruction with 150 course offerings for academic credit at Baylor University; terminated in 1977 for all programs except Health Care Administration and Physical Therapy.
1993 | George W. Truett Theological Seminary organized in Waco.
1994 | Seminary classes began.
1995 | School of Engineering and Computer Science organized.
2002 | Honors College organized.
2005 | School of Social Work granted independent status from the College of Arts and Sciences.
2015 | Renamed Diana R. Garland School of Social Work in honor of its inaugural dean, Diana R. Garland, Ph.D.
2014 | Robbins College of Health and Human Services organized.
2021 | Achieved “R1” status by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as a university with “very high research activity.”