



History of HBU in Brief:

Houston Baptist College was created by action of the Baptist General Convention of Texas on November 15, 1960, culminating many years of work and study. The aim of the Founders was the establishment of a Christian college of the highest order in the city of Houston that stressed quality of life as well as quality of learning.

Dr. William H. Hinton began service as the first president of the College on July 1, 1962. The College opened in September 1963 with a freshman class of 193 students, a cluster of new buildings, and a teaching staff of 30 faculty. In 1973, Houston Baptist College officially became Houston Baptist University following completion of a formal self study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In 1987, Dr. William H. Hinton was named University Chancellor and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1991. Dr. Edward Douglas Hodo was named the second president and began service on June 1, 1987. Upon his retirement, Dr. Hodo was named President Emeritus. Jack D. Carlson was named Interim President effective August 1, 2006.

On August 8, 2006, the Board of Trustees named Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr. the third president of Houston Baptist University, effective September 1, 2006.

Fall 2006 Update:

Undergraduate enrollment 1,815

Female	1,213	
Male	602	
African American	316	17%
Asian	271	15%
Hispanic	285	16%
International	122	7%
Not Reported	44	2%
Caucasian	777	43%
Counties	38	
States	11	
Living on Campus	586	
Freshmen	225	
Other new admits	397	

Graduate enrollment 328

Female	237	
Male	91	
African American	78	24%
Asian	27	8%
Hispanic	36	11%
International	13	4%
Not Reported	5	2%
Caucasian	169	51%

- 15: 1 - Student/teacher ratio at HBU, ensuring personal attention
- 14,847 - Alumni
- 100% - Classes taught by faculty; 57 percent of classes have fewer than 20 students
- 89% - HBU undergraduate students who receive financial aid in one form or another
- 44 - number of different countries currently represented by both graduate and undergraduate students
- Construction continues on the newest landmark at HBU, the **Cultural Arts Center**. The 90,000 square foot complex will house a Chapel, a Great Hall, a 1,200-seat auditorium, and three museums. The complex is expected to be completed in the **spring of 2007**.
- For the **third consecutive year** HBU has been ranked in the top tier among the "Best Universities" offering master's degrees in the Western region by *U.S. News & World Report*, as reported in *America's Best Colleges for 2007*. HBU was also ranked 11th among colleges and universities in its category for **best value**. These rankings are based on the net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of financial aid. The higher the quality of the program and the lower the cost, the better the value.

- 32% of key areas of undergraduate study: major in business, 12 % in biological and biomedical sciences, 11 % in psychology, 10% in education (from *U.S.News & World Report*)
- In the most recent nursing certification testing, HBU's ADN program was one of only eight schools of 55 statewide to achieve the 100 percent pass rate. The BSN pass rate was 94.12%. Both programs have consistently earned a higher than average pass rate.
- The Teacher Education program is ranked in the top quartile of teacher preparation institutions in Texas. (The ranking is based on the percentage of program completers who take and pass the teacher certification exams).
- HBU students have found prestigious internships with companies and organizations such as Merrill Lynch, Clear Channel Entertainment, Texas Medical Center, Landry's Restaurants, Reliant Park, and Credit Suisse First Boston in New York City
- 50 - the percentage of business faculty actively consulting in industry
- 11 - number of foreign countries visited by HBU business students in recent study abroad trips
- 12,000+ - number of reported hours that HBU students volunteer every year to serve the sick, the homeless, the elderly, and other underserved communities through ACTS (Assisting Communities Through Students) programs
- 60+ - HBU has produced more than 60 All-Americans and over 40 Academic All-Americans in the last 10 years. Our basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, and volleyball teams are perennial national powers in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the recent addition of soccer and women's soccer will bring the number of intercollegiate sports to 7, which is also the number of All-Sports Awards the Huskies have won in the Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC).
- **Dr. David Capes**, professor in Christianity, was awarded the "Tolerance Award" by the Institute for Interfaith Dialog. He was also invited to lecture at Oxford and the University of Darby during the summer. In addition, Dr. Capes was invited to participate in two activities by the U.S. Department of State.
- **Debra Berry** BSN '89, associate professor in nursing and director of student health services, was named the **Post-Secondary Schools Teacher of the Year** by the Houston West Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the **Christa McAuliffe In Search of Excellence Award**. **Dr. David Capes** was also honored as a Post-Secondary Schools Teacher of the Year.
- **Kellye Brooks**, assistant professor in business, received an Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit in the Academic Advising Faculty Category from the National Academic Advising Association as part of the 2006 National Awards Program for Academic Advising.
- Through the **HBU Urban Plunge Missions Learning Opportunity**, two groups of HBU students spent their spring break lending a helping hand to others. One group traveled to **Nicaragua** to help build water wells for a village in need, and a second group traveled into the heart of Houston to **minister to the homeless** through numerous nonprofit organizations like Crossroads, Bread of Life, and Sheltering Arms.
- Twenty-two HBU students traveled to **New York City** to take part in "**Paint the Town**," a project developed to build relationships between churches and communities. Students spent time painting three inner-city schools.