Barrett, The Honors College is a selective, residential college that recruits academically outstanding undergraduates to Arizona State University. As stated in The New York Times, Barrett Honors College is widely considered the gold standard of honors colleges and programs.

Program Description

ABOUT THE COLLEGE
Barrett, The Honors College at ASU is widely visited and emulated by other colleges and universities in the U.S. and abroad as the model for honors education in the United States. Barrett stands alone in dedicated resources, size and complexity with a presence on four ASU campuses; a multimillion dollar endowment used to support honors students and their projects; and dedicated deans, faculty and staff that include seven administrators, 42 Faculty Fellows and 62 staff within the college, and more than 1,800 faculty members who teach honors students university-wide each year. Barrett represents a powerful and unique combination of the special care and attention an honors student should expect from an excellent residential liberal arts college, with the vast program choices and research mentoring resources of a vibrant Research I university. This honors community is known nationally for its number of National Merit, National Hispanic and Flinn scholars, and nationally ranked numbers of recipients of Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater, Udall and Marshall Fellowships.

In 2009, Barrett opened the nation's first comprehensive 4-year residential honors college within a top-tier Research I university. The $140 million, 9-acre honors campus in Tempe includes administrative, faculty and staff offices, as well as classrooms and residence halls for 1,700 honors students. It uniquely features a signature dining hall refectory and café, several courtyards, student lounges, activity rooms, computer labs and a community center. The 4-year residential campus in Tempe expanded to the 18-acre Vista Del Sol site across the street in 2013 and now accommodates 1,500 additional beds for upper-division honors students, the honors admissions and recruiting operations, classrooms, and community space, offices and amenities that include a theater, pool, writing center, fitness, recreation and events facilities. Honors students on the Polytechnic, West and Downtown campuses also enjoy the benefits of living in new and growing honors communities that offer academic and co-curricular experiences.
Honors faculty and staff are committed solely to enabling the best education possible for intellectually-engaged students from Arizona, America and the world.

**STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**

ASU’s size, number of majors, student organizations and student support services is an advantage and provides important opportunities for Honors students to engage in meaningful ways. With the largest residential college profile across all four ASU campuses, Barrett dramatically contributes to the student life of the entire university. Barrett students demonstrate leadership in the classroom, in research labs, in mentoring and tutoring other students, and in securing leadership roles in ASASU student government, Changemaker Central, Greek Life, and more than 700 student organizations, chapters and societies. Barrett students positively impact ASU and local, national and global communities through internships, service, travel and other professional development opportunities within Honors and across ASU. Barrett offers a full range of student-driven service, wellness, arts, cultural, social, entrepreneurial, professional development and sustainability programming. More recently, Barrett formed unique partnerships with Indigo and CalmCircle to provide students access to individualized personal development and well-being tools.

Popular Honors events on the Tempe campus include: Lunch with the Dean, Dinner with Faculty nights, and Ladies' Tea at the historic University Club. Honors students have opportunities to attend Tony Award-winning Broadway musicals at Gammage Theater; explore the world's only Musical Instrument Museum; round up cattle on our cattle drive; attend biweekly yoga classes; learn healthy eating habits from a certified nutritionist; and share their musical talents at monthly Open Mic Nights in Barrett's very own Burning B Café.

The Downtown Phoenix campus hosts weekly events to engage students with the culture of the community in which they reside. Popular events include B-town Attends, Mindful Tuesdays, Life Hacks, and the signature event, Red Carpet, held at a culturally significant facility such as the Phoenix Art Museum.

The Polytechnic campus is known for cutting-edge labs, innovative faculty and students who are solving real-world problems with ground-breaking applied technology and solutions. Many Honors students present their work at the end of each semester at the Ira A. Fulton Polytechnic Innovation Showcase, which is an impressive exhibition featuring many of these innovative student projects and interdisciplinary collaborations. The Barrett Honors faculty and staff at the Polytechnic campus also host unique programming such as the Fall Freshman Retreat in Prescott, Human Event Tribunals, and the annual Dinner Down the Orchard, which is a signature event for Barrett Honors students on all campuses.

West campus Barrett Honors faculty and staff host Culture Clash, an event at which students are immersed in different cultures and enjoy food, discussion and films from each unique culture. West campus students also partake in traditions like the Barrett Ball, Homecoming Carnival, and the signature event, Womyn's Collegiate Leadership Conference.

Recently, Barrett expanded its global initiatives platform to include its Distinguished Global Leader Series, global classroom, summer abroad and shorter global intensive experiences, internship and service abroad,
and credit and noncredit opportunities. Great American Cities is one of the most popular travel programs; students visit cities like Boston, New York City, New Orleans, Anchorage and Miami and engage in a service project while enjoying the history, culture and great food of their destination. Other travel opportunities range from turn-around trips to Arizona monuments to overnight trips to Disneyland.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Barrett, The Honors College
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus, Polytechnic campus, Tempe campus, West campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No

Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Additional Requirements:

Students must complete an application to Arizona State University before submitting a separate application to Barrett, The Honors College.

Students who have demonstrated high levels of academic achievement in high school or college may apply for admission to Barrett. Each candidate must file an application to the college separate from the ASU application, in accordance with the appropriate Barrett deadlines.

Applicants are evaluated on the basis of their academic records, their ranking within the graduating class, and their performances on the SAT or ACT. The college also values students who have special talents and aptitudes, exhibit exceptional leadership qualities, have had unusual life experiences or display significant community involvement.
The Barrett admission application and additional information about the college and its activities are available at [https://barretthonors.asu.edu](https://barretthonors.asu.edu).

**Change of Major Requirements**

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://barretthonors.asu.edu/global](https://barretthonors.asu.edu/global)

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