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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 at ASU is internationally known as the model for supporting honors students from multiple disciplines. 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, 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 in academics and advising 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 record-breaking number of scholars recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, National Hispanic Recognition Program, and Flinn Foundation and its numbers of nationally ranked recipients of Fulbright, Truman, Goldwater, Udall and Marshall fellowships.

In 2009, Barrett opened the nation's first comprehensive four-year residential honors college within a top-tier Research I university. The $140 million nine-acre honors campus community on the Tempe campus includes all the Barrett Faculty Fellows and administrative offices as well as classrooms and residence halls for 1,700 honors students, a signature dining hall, refectory and café, and several courtyards, student lounges, activity rooms, computer labs and a community center. The four-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, and an entire campus of community space, offices and amenities that include a theater, pool, writing center, fitness, recreation and events facilities. Barrett students on the Polytechnic, West, and Downtown campuses also enjoy new facilities plus the benefits of living in growing honors communities that offer academic and cocurricular experiences and faculty and staff solely committed to enabling the best education possible for intellectually engaged students from Arizona, America and the world. Recently, Barrett expanded its global initiatives platform to include a Distinguished Global Leader Series, expanded summer abroad and term-time student abroad opportunities, international courses, internship and service abroad, and credit and noncredit global experience trips.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

Barrett students take advantage of opportunities that specifically enrich the honors experience. They receive national and international graduate scholarships. They engage in cutting-edge research with distinguished ASU faculty and benefit from special partnerships with the Mayo Clinic, the Biodesign Institute, and Intel. Students develop iPhone applications, build robots, design games and develop tools to improve health care, meet global energy needs, provide clean water or secure data and information privacy. There are numerous internship opportunities developed exclusively for Barrett students, and many of the nation's top companies, government agencies and non-profits specifically seek opportunities to recruit Barrett students.

Barrett students on all four campuses are leaders outside the classroom as well, and they cultivate service and leadership opportunities both in Barrett and throughout ASU, serving as officers in student organizations, mentors, tutors and change makers. 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 events on the Tempe campus include Lunch with the Dean, Dinner with Faculty nights, and the Ladies Tea at the historic University Club. Barrett 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 bi-weekly 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.

Our Downtown Phoenix campus hosts an Urban Tour series with visits to Chase Field (home of the Arizona Diamondbacks) and the arts district at Roosevelt Row. Popular events Downtown include Donuts with the Dean, the Barrett Fashion Show, Career Development night, and the Barrett Red Carpet Formal.

The Polytechnic campus is known for cutting-edge labs, innovative faculty and students that are solving real-world problems with ground-breaking applied technology and solutions. The Ira A. Fulton Polytechnic Innovation Showcase is an impressive exhibition featuring many of these innovative student projects and interdisciplinary collaborations. The Barrett Polytechnic campus faculty and staff also host unique programming such as the Human Event Tribunals, kayaking excursions, sustainable Earth Week activities, healthy cooking demos, service projects and many more.

Our West campus Barrett faculty and staff host Culture Clash, an event that immerses students in different cultures to enjoy food, discussion, and film from each unique culture. West campus students also partake in traditions like the Barrett Ball and Bowling with the Deans.

Barrett students on all four campuses participate in travel abroad programs that enable them to enjoy small classes taught by Barrett faculty and experience different cultures while earning honors credits. 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)

2018 - 2019 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.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search 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. Learn more about these programs by visiting the Admissions site.

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://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/.

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