
The Barrett Honors College

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MISSION

The Barrett Honors College is a community of learners dedicated to superior undergraduate education based on the pursuit of excellence, respect for the individual, commitment to integrity, and service to society.

The college offers talented, motivated students educational opportunities designed to enrich and further their personal academic and career goals. It is a portal through which academically talented students gain unique access to the university's human and physical resources. Transdisciplinary in nature, the college develops curricular and other learning opportunities to meet general and disciplinary undergraduate educational objectives. The college supports undergraduate research, encourages study abroad, guides students to relevant internships, mentors applicants for fellowships and scholarships, and assists students with application to graduate school.

The Barrett Honors College serves students seeking degrees at ASU Main, in Tempe; ASU West, in northwest Phoenix; and ASU East (Williams Campus) in southeast Mesa. Students across the university take advantage of the university's full resources with the assurance of consistently distinguished teaching and research and with commensurately rigorous expectations for performance.

Students from all disciplinary colleges and academic majors can enroll in the Barrett Honors College.

CURRICULUM

Students seeking to graduate from the Barrett Honors College must also graduate from a disciplinary college. The ASU honors curriculum normally allows students to finish all requirements within the 120 semester hours of credit usually required for graduation.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Office of National Scholarship Advisement

The Office of National Scholarship Advisement assists honors and other high-achieving students by identifying nationally competitive programs appropriate to each person's intellectual and career goals, nurturing these prospective applicants, and advancing their candidacy. This office, administered by the college, serves the entire ASU community. ASU students regularly earn distinction in the most rigorous and prestigious scholarship competitions. Many pursue enhanced degree programs and research projects under the auspices of Goldwater or Truman Scholarships. Other students undertake postgraduate study in the United States and abroad as Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Udall, National Science Foundation, or Mellon Scholars. Many others have been recognized by a range of postgraduate awards, fellowships, and assistantships. *This office does not administer any need- or merit-based student financial assistance.* For more information, call 480/965-5894.

The Undergraduate Research Office

The Undergraduate Research Office maintains a database of research opportunities available throughout the university. This office is administered by the Barrett Honors College and serves the entire university.

Study Abroad

Barrett Honors College Students have access to honors study abroad programs and participate in ASU International Programs Office opportunities. These plans allow students to earn honors credit while overseas.

Internships/Mentorships/Opportunities

Students in the Barrett Honors College may participate in special internship opportunities or mentoring by leaders—in government, industry, and the private sector—throughout metropolitan Phoenix. The college also maintains a database of special opportunities, including community service and international and cultural events. For more information, call 480/965-2354.

Events/Programming

Students enrolled in the Barrett Honors College are given special access when important contributors to contemporary thought visit ASU. Each year the college hosts the university's premier scholar-in-residence program, the Centennial Lecture. Past guests include novelist Carlos Fuentes, paleontologist Steven Jay Gould, psychiatrist Robert Coles, microbiologist Lynn Margulis, essayist Susan Sontag, paleoanthropologist Meave Leakey, American Indian author N. Scott Momaday, Pulitzer Prize winning author David Halberstam, and prolific and wide-ranging African American author and National Book Award recipient Charles Johnson.

The college is also home to the John J. Rhodes Chair, designed to bring to the college persons who have significantly contributed to civic life and distinguished themselves as public service leaders. Students have unique opportunities to engage intellectually with these outstanding visiting lecturers. In 1998, the college was honored to have Dr. Henry A. Kissinger serve as the inaugural chair. American Indian scholar Donald Lee Fixico was the 2002 Rhodes Lecturer, followed by Jean Strause, notable biographer of J. P. Morgan in 2003, and world-renowned astronomer David Levy in 2004.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

The Barrett Honors College and all its facilities and services are fully available to every student, regardless of where he or she lives. The Honors Halls of Residence offer students an integrated living-learning environment; faculty and academic advisors serve the students there. Classrooms, recreational and study lounges, and a state-of-the-art computing lab compose the principal facilities of the college.

Students enrolled in the Barrett Honors College receive priority at preregistration and have extended checkout privileges in the campus libraries. Honors courses in disciplinary departments are typically limited to 25 students. Honors courses (with the prefix HON) are usually limited to 18.

Students can receive transcript recognition for lower-division honors studies. Students who meet all upper-division requirements of both their disciplinary college and the Barrett Honors College receive transcript recognition of that accomplishment, as well as special acknowledgment during graduation ceremonies and collegiate honors convocations.

Participants in the honors college have diverse interests and strong records of success. Many go on to the nation's finest graduate and professional programs, including Chicago, Cornell, Harvard, Michigan, MIT, Northwestern, Stanford, UC-Berkeley, Virginia, Wisconsin, and Yale. Many students have published portions of their honors theses and have presented their work at national and regional meetings of scientific and honors societies.

ADMISSION

Students who have demonstrated high levels of academic achievement at the high school or university level are invited to apply for admission to the Barrett Honors College. All candidates for admission must file a separate application to the college.

Applicants are initially evaluated on the basis of their high school GPA (Arizona Board of Regents GPA based on 16 competency courses), high school class rank, and performance on the SAT or ACT; or a student may possess other talents that contribute to academic leadership and community service. Continuing ASU or transfer students are evaluated on their college GPA.

All students who believe they can better succeed at the university by participating in the Barrett Honors College are encouraged to apply. Application forms and additional information about the college and its activities are available by calling 480/965-2359 or by accessing www.asu.edu/honors on the Web.



The Barrett Honors College provides academically talented students with consistently distinguished teaching and research.

Doug Crouch photo

RETENTION

Honors students must maintain high standards of academic performance and show progress toward completion of graduation requirements in their disciplinary majors and in the Barrett Honors College. Students must complete an average of one honors course each semester. The associate dean of the college must approve any deviation from this standard. Good standing in the college requires students to maintain the following cumulative ASU GPAs (4.00 = A):

1. fewer than 45 semester hours, 3.25;
2. between 45 and 80 semester hours, 3.33; and
3. above 80 semester hours, 3.40.

Students with a lower cumulative GPA or students who have failed to take at least one honors course each semester

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are placed on probation and withdrawn from the college unless reasonable progress is made in raising the cumulative GPA or taking honors course work during the following semester.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Only courses in which a student receives at least a grade of “C” (2.00) may be used to meet the Barrett Honors College requirements.

Students entering the college as freshmen or continuing ASU students must take HON 171 and 172 the Human Event. This cross-disciplinary seminar acquaints them with ideas that form the foundation of a university education and emphasizes critical thinking, discussion, and writing. Barrett Honors College students complete HON 171 and 172 during their first two semesters.

Students transferring into the university after their sophomore year must take a 300-level honors course. Junior-level seminar courses introduce them to critical thinking, discussion, and writing in a topical area chosen by the instructor. It is expected that all students complete this course no later than the first or second semester after transferring.

Departmental courses carrying footnote number 19 in the *Schedule of Classes* are limited to honors students and others who receive special permission from the instructor to enroll. Enrollment in these courses is limited. Compared to their non-honors equivalents, these courses are designed to offer a richer, more complex intellectual experience appropriate to the discipline and the level of the course for all students enrolled. Other disciplinary honors courses group honors students in small cohorts to work on research projects of common interest.

Departmental courses carrying footnote number 18 in the *Schedule of Classes* allow honors students to contract with the instructor of designated non-honors courses to earn honors credit by pursuing enrichment activities, which may include supplemental sessions with the instructor. Footnote 18 contracts must be filed during the first four weeks of class and completed during the semester in which the course is offered. Each contract form offers guidelines to aid students and faculty in developing appropriate contracts.

Course numbers listed in the *Schedule of Classes* as 298, 492 Honors Directed Study, 493 Honors Thesis, 497 Honors Colloquium, and all classes with the HON prefix are reserved for students in the Barrett Honors College and always carry footnote 19. Students may receive credit for more than one of each of these courses in a given department.

Departmental courses with the number 493 are reserved for honors students completing their honors theses. A student may enroll for these courses only with the approval of the sponsoring academic department and of the faculty member who serves as the student’s thesis director. Course numbers listed in the *Schedule of Classes* as 493 fulfill the student’s upper-division literacy and critical inquiry (L) General Studies requirement.

There are certain courses that carry automatic honors credit. These include ENG 105 (any section) and CHM 117 and 118. Certain advanced courses, when taken in the freshman or sophomore year, also carry automatic honors credit, as long as the student receives a grade of “A” (4.00) or “B”

(3.00). Students in the Barrett Honors College may also enroll in graduate-level courses that automatically earn honors credit.

All courses a student takes for honors credit may be used toward graduation, even if the student does not graduate from the Barrett Honors College.

HONORS TRANSCRIPT RECOGNITION

All courses used to fulfill lower-division or upper-division/graduation requirements for the Barrett Honors College must carry earned letter grades of at least “C” (2.00). A “Y” grade does not meet college requirements.

Lower Division

To receive transcript recognition for lower-division honors work, students must complete 18 semester hours of honors course work within 60 earned semester hours with a cumulative ASU GPA greater than or equal to 3.40 (4.00 = A).

Students may apply upper-division honors course work toward lower-division requirements; however, those classes may not also be used to meet the Barrett Honors College upper-division/graduation requirements.

Intent to Graduate

Students must complete and file with the college an Intent to Graduate form no later than the semester in which they complete 75 earned semester hours (including advanced placement, International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate, College-Level Examination Program, and dual enrollment credits). This form is available on the college’s Web site, www.asu.edu/honors, in the forms section.

The Intent to Graduate form includes sections in which students indicate

1. their intended major(s), minor(s), and certificate program(s);
2. the courses they intend to use to satisfy the requirements for “Lower Division with Honors”; and
3. the courses they intend to use to satisfy the requirements for graduation through the Barrett Honors College.

Normally, only students who complete the requirements for “Lower Division with Honors” or their equivalent at the institutions from which they transfer are allowed to pursue completion of the requirements for graduation through the Barrett Honors College.

Upper Division/Graduation

To graduate through the Barrett Honors College, students must

1. complete HON 171 and 172 or, if they transfer to the university after their sophomore year, they must take one 300-level honors seminar course;
2. complete 18 additional semester hours of upper-division honors course work for an earned letter grade, unless otherwise provided for by the Barrett Honors College and the student’s disciplinary college; the additional hours must include three to six semester hours of Honors Thesis and six semester

- hours outside the academic major (these may include graduate courses);
- complete ASU graduation requirements in an academic major; and
 - earn a cumulative ASU GPA greater than or equal to 3.40 (4.00 = A).

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Professors: Humphrey, Jacobs, Nelson

Assistant Administrative Professional: Burke

Senior Lecturers: Bruhn, Dalton, Facinelli, Stanford, Susser

Lecturers: Beggs, J. Lynch, J.M. Lynch, McManus, Pickus

HONORS (HON)

HON 171 The Human Event. (3)

fall and spring

Landmarks in the social and intellectual development of the human race, with emphasis on Western civilization. Enrollment restricted to members of the Barrett Honors College. Consult the college for applicability to disciplinary college distribution requirements.

General Studies: L/HU, H

HON 172 The Human Event. (3)

fall and spring

Continuation of HON 171, with emphasis on the Renaissance through the modern period. Prerequisite: HON 171.

General Studies: L/HU, H

HON 371 Freedom and Authority. (3)

fall and spring

Historical overview of concepts of liberty, responsibility, and power in Western societies, emphasizing 18th- to 20th-century developments. Seminar.

General Studies: L/HU

HON 372 French Cultural Influences. (3)

summer session 1

Explores textual and cultural artifacts formative of French culture as a series of contacts and conflicts with other peoples and lifeways. Seminar.

General Studies: L/HU, G

HON 373 Heroes, Heroines, and Villains. (3)

fall and spring

Examines concepts of heroic and villainous characteristics as expressed in the literature and visual arts of various cultures throughout history. Seminar.

General Studies: L/HU

HON 374 Black and White Atlantic. (3)

fall and spring

Examines development (18th- to 20th-century) and cultural manifestations of Black/White race relations within the U.S. and between the U.S. and other nations. Seminar.

General Studies: HU, G

HON 375 Science and the Modern Self. (3)

fall and spring

Concentrates on texts of the 19th and 20th centuries; explores how scientific discourse determines our notions of self. Seminar, lecture, discussion.

General Studies: L/HU

HON 376 Law, Literature, and Life. (3)

fall and spring

Multidisciplinary approach to the subject of law, examining it through literature, history, and legal philosophy. Seminar.

General Studies: L/HU

HON 377 Nature in Context. (3)

fall

Explores perspectives on the nature of nature, the history of ecology, and the rise of environmentalism. Seminar. Cross-listed as HPS 377. Credit is allowed for only HON 377 or HPS 377.

General Studies: L/HU

HON 378 Culture and Society in England, Ireland, and Scotland. (3)

summer

Chronologically explores texts, events, and sites for historical and cultural impact on development of England, Ireland, Scotland, and their countries' relationships with each other. Seminar.

General Studies: HU, G

HON 379 Romantics, Victorians, and Moderns. (3)

summer

Examines the development and impact of various literatures, arts, and ideas in England, Ireland, and Scotland from the Romantic through the Modern period. Seminar.

General Studies: HU, G

HON 394 Special Topics. (3)

fall, spring, summer

HON 484 Internship. (1–6)

selected semesters

HON 485 Biosphere 2—Study Opportunity. (1–18)

fall and spring

For students participating in the ASU-sponsored program at Biosphere 2.

HON 492 Honors Directed Study. (1–12)

selected semesters

Research and preparation for HON 493.

HON 493 Honors Thesis. (1–6)

selected semesters

General Studies: L

HON 498 Pro-Seminar. (1–7)

selected semesters

Omnibus Courses. For an explanation of courses offered but not specifically listed in this catalog, see "Omnibus Courses," page 63.

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