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The Craig and Barbara Barrett Honors College



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Nature of program

The Craig and Barbara Barrett Honors College offers talented, motivated students educational opportunities designed to enrich and further their personal, academic, and career goals. The college is unique in Arizona and the Southwest. It provides students the educational benefits typical of small colleges while allowing them to enjoy the resources found only at a dynamic research university. Students enroll for courses taught by teaching and research faculty who nurture intellectual creativity and curiosity. These faculty bring to undergraduate education the expertise of their own academic backgrounds and the excitement of nationally distinguished research.

The first two years of the honors curriculum typically focus on general studies. The second two years of upper division study concentrate on the student's academic major and lead to graduation from both a disciplinary college and the Barrett Honors College. Participating in the upper division curriculum allows students to write an honors thesis or complete some other extended creative project appropriate to their academic interests. In conceiving and completing this project, each student works closely with a faculty mentor to identify and develop an original concept that extends and integrates the student's work in a discipline.

Participants in the Barrett Honors College have diverse interests and strong records of success. Many go on to the nation's finest graduate and professional programs. Many have published portions of their honors theses or creative projects and have presented

their work at the national and regional meetings of scientific and honors societies.

Benefits

Honors students have special advisors to help them plan individualized programs of study, and they receive priority at preregistration. Honors courses are normally limited to 20 students.

The Office of National Scholarship Advisement (ONSA) 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 Barrett Honors 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 Scholarships or National Security Education Program (NSEP) awards. Still others undertake postgraduate study abroad as Rhodes, Marshall, or Fulbright scholars, and in the United States as Truman and Mellon scholars. Many others have been recognized by a range of postgraduate awards, fellowships, and assistantships.

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 in the graduation ceremonies and collegiate honors convocations.

Admission

Students who have demonstrated high levels of academic achievement at the high school, community college 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 will be evaluated on the basis of their high school GPA, high school class rank and performance on the SAT or ACT. A student may also possess other talents that contribute to academic leadership and community service. Continuing ASU or transfer students will be evaluated on their college GPA. The typical first-year student in the Barrett Honors College has a high school GPA of 3.80, is in the top five percent of his or her high school graduating class, and has a 29 composite of the ACT or 1300 composite on the SAT.

The typical transfer student will enter at the junior level and will have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or better.

Retention

Honors students must maintain high standards of academic performance and show progress toward completion of graduation requirements in their disciplinary majors and the Barrett Honors College. Students should 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 Barrett Honors 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. more than 80 semester hours, 3.40.

A student with a cumulative ASU GPA below this criteria is placed on probation and is withdrawn from the college if he or she does not make reasonable progress in raising the cumulative GPA during the following semester. Students who fail to complete an average of one honors course in two semesters may be placed on inactive status. A student on inactive status within the college will not be eligible for extended library privileges, early registration, or honors internship placement. Reinstatement to active status will require a formal application and appointment with an honors advisor.

Courses

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

Freshmen and students entering the college with fewer than 45 semester hours of course work 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.

Transfer students with 45 or more semester hours entering the college must take HON 394, a junior-level seminar that introduces them to critical thinking, discussion, and writing in an area chosen by the instructor.

Departmental courses carrying footnote number 18 in the *Schedule of Classes* allow honors students to contract with the instructor for honors credit by pursuing enrichment activities. When several students in the same section arrange such contracts, the instructor may require them to meet for supplemental sessions. Footnote 18 contracts must be filed during the first four weeks of class during the semester in which the course is offered.

Departmental courses carrying footnote number 19 in the *Schedule of Classes* are limited to honors students and others who receive special permission to enroll from the instructor. Enrollment in these courses is limited to 25 students.

Departmental courses with the number 493 are reserved for honors students completing their honors theses or projects. 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. Students may receive a maximum of six semester hours credit for an honors thesis or project, three semester hours of which may fulfill the student's literacy and critical inquiry (L) General Studies requirement.

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

Honors transcript recognition

All courses used to fulfill 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). Courses *must* include HON 171 and 172 the Human Event. Courses that earn automatic honors credit, although not carrying a footnote number 19 in the *Schedule of Classes*, include ENG 105 (any section), CHM 117* and 118* (any section), and MAT 290* and 291* (any section). *Complete this ASU Tempe course.

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

Upper division/graduation from the Barrett Honors College. To graduate from the Barrett Honors College, students must

1. complete HON 171 and 172 the Human Event for continuing ASU or transfer students with fewer than 45 hours of credit *or* HON 394 Special Topics for continuing or transfer students with 45 or more hours of credit;
2. complete 18 additional semester hours of upper-division honors course work for an earned letter grade, which must include three to six semester hours of Honors Thesis and six semester hours outside the academic major and which may include graduate courses;
3. complete ASU graduation requirements in an academic major; and
4. earn a cumulative ASU GPA greater than or equal to 3.40 (4.00 = A).

Honors

HON 171 The Human Event (3)

fall

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. General studies: L/HU.

HON 172 The Human Event (3)

spring

Continuation of HON 171, with emphasis on the Renaissance through the modern period. Prerequisite: HON 171. General studies: L/HU.

HON 394 Special Topics (3)

fall, spring

Junior level seminar that introduces students to critical thinking, discussion, and writing in various content areas.

Key to General Studies

Credit Abbreviations

L Literacy and critical inquiry
core courses

MA Mathematics core courses

CS Computer/statistics/quantitative
applications core courses

HU Humanities and fine arts
core courses

SB Social and behavioral
sciences core courses

SG Natural sciences-
general core courses

SQ Natural sciences-
quantitative core courses

C Cultural diversity in the
United States courses

G Global awareness courses

H Historical awareness courses
, and
/
or