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 Arizona State University, is the nation's premier undergraduate honors college and it is recognized both globally and nationally as a leader in honors education. Barrett is a community of academically driven, high achieving students, who engage in a rigorous, yet flexible honors curriculum, customized to an individual student's needs and aspirations. Barrett stands alone in dedicated resources, size and complexity with a presence on all four ASU campuses and ASU Online; a multimillion-dollar endowment used to support honors students and their projects; and dedicated deans, faculty and staff that include administrative leadership across all campuses and more than 1,900 university faculty who teach and mentor Barrett students.

Barrett students may pursue any major and amplify their academic path with unique honors experiences, including special courses, research opportunities, internships, service learning and travel programs. First-year Barrett students begin their honors journey with The Human Event, a special two-semester honors seminar sequence taught by Barrett's interdisciplinary faculty of Honors Faculty Fellows. Students entering Barrett in their junior year take History of Ideas, an upper-division honors seminar that, like The Human Event, explores the most compelling and influential texts from all human history. Barrett students are members of a close-knit community of scholars with a history of securing national and international scholarships and fellowships that fund research, international travel, professional development or post-baccalaureate study, placing ASU among the top schools in the United States for success in national scholarship competitions.
With its outstanding programs, dedicated faculty and staff, and comprehensive facilities, Barrett is a national model for organizing resources to support the honors experience at all four campuses at ASU and ASU Online. This unique arrangement is a model for higher education and has often been referred to as the best of both worlds by students who thrive in a small college atmosphere but appreciate access to a large university, with Division I athletics, a world-class faculty, innovative research endeavors, millions of dollars in public-private partnerships, deep community roots, a globally active alumni network, and high-profile special events.

A four-year residential college community is the hallmark of the Barrett living and learning experience on each of the four ASU campuses. The Tempe campus has a nine-acre first of its kind in the nation honors complex with residence halls for 1,700 students, multiple classrooms, a community center, dining hall and refectory, and administrative offices. The honors residential experience continues across the street with upper-division housing for 1,600 students in the 18-acre Vista Del Sol community. The Barrett Honors College residential experience also extends to the Downtown, Polytechnic and West campuses. The Barrett Downtown residential community, called B-Town D-Town, offers the experience of City Honors. Located at Taylor Place, this community is nestled at the heart of the campus and offers a rich, compelling and stunning living environment where students have easy access to ASU’s downtown colleges and preprofessional programs as well as the unique and buoyant ambiance of the sports, governmental and commercial lifestyle of Phoenix, the fifth largest and fastest growing city in the nation. Barrett at the Polytechnic campus gives students the feeling of studying at a small private college with all of the advantages of a large university. Lantana Hall, the new residential building for the Polytechnic honors community, offers study and lounge spaces, a courtyard with community grills and an event lawn. Home to the Barrett Suite, Lantana Hall also features classrooms, a computer lab, and staff and faculty offices. Barrett at the West campus provides the entire range of honors activities in a small liberal arts college setting on the beautiful ASU West campus. Honors students live in both the Casa de Oro and Las Casas residence halls with approximately 500 other residents and take advantage of the new fitness center and dining hall. The space dedicated solely to honors students includes the 5,000 square foot Barrett Suite complete with computer lab, study rooms and meeting areas, as well as the Barrett West dean, faculty and staff offices. Students benefit greatly by taking all their honors classes in the specially designed Barrett West seminar room.

Barrett at ASU Online is the newest path to an honors academic experience at ASU. Now students from all over the country and world, who are earning degrees through ASU Online, have the opportunity to pursue an honors curriculum through Barrett’s signature honors seminar --- History of Ideas; honors courses and sections; honors enrichment contracts, which amplify any ASU course into an honors experience; research and internships; travel programs and service learning projects. Barrett at ASU Online offers students live, synchronous honors seminars with all of the academic support and co-curricular programming associated with the Barrett honors experience.

Student Opportunities
ASU’s size, number of majors, student organizations and student support services is an advantage, and it provides important opportunities for Barrett students to engage in meaningful ways. With the largest college residential profile across all four campuses, Barrett significantly contributes to the student life of the university. Barrett students demonstrate leadership in the classroom, in research labs, in mentoring and tutoring other students, and in securing leadership roles in student government, Changemaker Central,
Greek Life and more than 800 student organizations. Barrett offers a full range of student-driven academic, service, wellness, arts, cultural, social, entrepreneurial and sustainability programming through both Barrett student organizations and college-specific programming overall. Barrett students also positively impact ASU and local, national and global communities through internships, service, travel and other professional development opportunities within Barrett and across ASU. Barrett students participate in study abroad programs that enable them to travel to foreign countries, immerse themselves in small classes taught by honors faculty, and experience different cultures and societies while earning honors credits.

Barrett students engage in cutting-edge research with distinguished ASU faculty or through special partnerships with the Mayo Clinic, the Biodesign Institute and Intel. Barrett College Fellows Undergraduate Research Program is a special initiative between Barrett and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to pair students with faculty research mentors in research and service learning projects across ASU. Students are developing iPhone applications, building robots, designing games or developing tools to improve health care, meet global energy needs and provide clean water, and secure data and information privacy. Many students also take advantage of internship opportunities developed exclusively for Barrett students with organizations like Mayo Clinic, Goldman Sachs, Microsoft, Google, and local congressional districts, the governor's office and the United States Senate. Barrett provides specialized programming and support for students who want to pursue internships as part of their honors curriculum.

Within Barrett, the Honors College, is the T.W. Lewis Center for Professional Development (the Lewis Center), which provides innovative honors courses, workshops and an emerging speaker series designed to help students achieve their personal best both during and after their college experience. The Lewis Center offers in-person programs and services available exclusively for Barrett students at no additional costs. Lewis Center courses are offered on all four ASU campuses and asynchronously to Barrett students at ASU Online. The interactive workshops are led by industry and academic experts in areas such as personal development, career success, financial literacy and life skills. The speakers series covers topics including self-awareness (behaviors, values and strengths), personal values and character development, leadership and entrepreneurship, decision-making and risk-taking, career planning, success and happiness. Many speakers also lend their perspective on difficult and important topics such as the role of personal values and character, overcoming adversity, making mistakes, and navigating complex life decisions.

Though the Lorraine Frank Office of National Scholarship and Advisement serves all of ASU, ONSA is located on the Barrett Tempe campus. At ONSA, Barrett faculty and staff mentor students as they apply for national and international fellowships. Each year, ASU students are selected for prestigious recognitions and awards, including the Rhodes Scholars, Gates Cambridge Scholars, Pickering Scholars, Goldwater Scholars, Boren Scholars and Killam Fellows. ASU students also have been awarded the Gilman International Scholarship, NSF Graduate Research Fellowships and Fulbright U.S. Student awards, placing ASU among the nation's top producers for fellowship winners.

At a Glance
• College/School: Barrett, The Honors College
• Location: Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic, Tempe, West

• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: No

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | 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://barrett honors.asu.edu.

Change of Major Requirements

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.
Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU™ 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 they 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/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Barrett, the Honors College highly encourages its students to enhance their educational experience by traveling. With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish 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 they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. Students can find more information on the Global Barrett website: https://barretthonors.asu.edu/global.

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