HONORS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE
MAJOR IN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES (BIS)
MAJOR IN ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP
MAJOR IN LIBERAL STUDIES
COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE:

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Dear Barrett Honors Students,

A major in BIS gives you the unique opportunity to explore and integrate two or more disciplines or areas of concentration in both theoretical and applied settings. Please refer to our current list of concentration areas and their checklist of requirements here: https://cls.asu.edu/checksheets.

A major in OGL gives you the opportunity to prepare for leadership positions in a wide range of organizations and career fields. You will develop skills that can be used to help organizations function successfully, including problem solving, effective communication, program assessment, resource management and how to use emerging technologies.

A major in BLS offers you the opportunity to study a broad array of disciplines. This program aims to provide you with the foundation to use knowledge in a manner that will help you become more successful thinkers, decision-makers and leaders.

**IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING DECLARING A MAJOR IN BIS PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A BIS ADVISOR BY CALLING 480-965-4464.**

**IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING DECLARING A MAJOR IN OGL OR BLS PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN ADVISOR BY CALLING 480-727-1526.**

**UPON DECLARING A MAJOR IN BIS, OGL OR BLS, PLEASE CONTACT DR. DENISE BATES, THE BARRETT HONORS FACULTY ADVISOR FOR THESE PROGRAMS, AT denise.bates@asu.edu TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT.**

**HONORS COURSES OFFERED**
Each of the BIS core courses, BLS seminar courses and OGL core courses can be taken for Honors Enrichment Contract credit if the faculty member is willing and qualified to offer a contract. Please contact Dr. Bates (email above) for consultation PRIOR to registering for classes if you are seeking an Honors Enrichment Contract. For more information, please refer to the Barrett webpage: http://barretthonors.asu.edu/academics/honors-courses-and-contracts/honors-enrichment-contracts/.
HONORS THESIS
BIS/BLS and OGL offers the following options and opportunities for research in support of BHC Honors Theses:

DIRECTED STUDY
BIS majors are required to complete BIS 401 which can take the form of an internship or directed study. The directed study option dovetails nicely with the Honors Thesis while the internship provides real-world work experience that consistently leads to job offers in over 30% of cases and can also serve as a research site for the Honors Thesis. Please meet with Dr. Bates to discuss your goals so you can make an informed decision. BIS core faculty and their areas of expertise are listed below.

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH
BIS, BLS and OGL majors may take BIS 499 or OGL 499 in order to conduct research. This option is often used effectively by Barrett students in order to work on their honors thesis, especially if they have selected the BIS 401 internship option, discussed above.

Please keep the following in mind when preparing to start your Thesis/Creative Project:

- Your BIS 401 experience cannot also serve as your Honors Thesis because you earn separate credits for them; however, related projects or research can be developed between the two. Please discuss any questions you may have with Dr. Bates.
- Students utilizing a BIS/BLS or OGL faculty member as a chair of the committee must for a committee of a minimum of two faculty members in accordance with Barrett Policies.
- Prior to enrolling in HON 492 or 493, you must first complete a thesis/creative project information session. Student may completed this requirement by completing one of the following:
  - HON 498: Thesis Prep Course (a one credit course offered on the downtown Phoenix campus)
  - One of the Thesis Workshop Sessions offered by Barrett
  - The online workshop offered through Barrett via ASU Blackboard
Potential BIS Faculty Mentors and Areas of Expertise:
Denise Bates, Ph.D. – History, Project Management
Tony Clark, Ph.D. – History
Kevin Ellsworth, Ph.D. – Political Science
Jessica Hirshorn, D.Ed. - Education, Psychology
Brian McCormack, Ph.D – Political Science
Kelly Nelson, Ph.D. - Anthropology
Michael Pryzdia, Ph.D. - Philosophy
Michael Rubinoff, Ph.D. – History, Film and Media Studies, Religious Studies
David Thomas, Ph.D. - Business, Psychology
David Wells, Ph.D. - Sociology, Political Science
Andi Hess –Technology and Development
Ben Pandya – Global Management
Caryl Williams - Human Resources
Emily Mertz, Ph.D. – Anthropology
Jennifer Chandler, Ph.D. – Leadership Studies
Leman Gupur – International Relations
Marie Wallace, Ph.D. – Anthropology
Maggie Allen – Justice Studies, Human Resources
Robert Kirsch, Ph.D. – Political Philosophy
Sharon Chanley, Ph.D. – Public Administration
Stephen Davis – Anthropology
Timothy Kostyk – Applied Ethics
Bill Erwin – Organizational Leadership
Robert Wisehart – Technology Management