What is Barrett, the honors college?

Recognized by The New York Times as the “gold standard” among the nation’s honors colleges, Barrett, The Honors College is a selective honors residential college that educates academically outstanding undergraduates.

Located within Arizona State University, Barrett students enjoy the considerable resources of a premier Research I university combined with the close, personal attention provided by the staff, faculty, and deans of the highest ranked honors college in the nation.

Regardless of their chosen degree program, students at any of ASU’s four metropolitan Phoenix campuses are eligible to apply for Barrett enrollment consideration.

National Merit and College Board National Recognition scholars are able to get “the best of both worlds” by paring Barrett Honors College with their Sun Devil experience.

National scholars and ASU

Arizona National Scholars:
High school seniors who are named National Merit Finalists through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation or named College Board National Recognition Program awardees receive an excellent merit scholarship at Arizona State University in recognition of their outstanding scholastic achievements.

College Board National Recognition Program awardees: automatically receive the New American University - National Scholar award upon admission to ASU with no additional action needed.

National Merit Semi-Finalists & Finalists: National Merit Semi-Finalists or Finalists who are admitted to ASU will receive a placeholder New American University award (such as a President’s, Provost’s, or Dean’s scholarship). This placeholder award will be upgraded to the New American University – National Scholar award once the following conditions have been met:

- Student has been named a National Merit Finalist and has successfully accepted that status
- Student lists Arizona State University as their first choice school with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- Student has been admitted to Arizona State University

Non-Resident National Scholars
High school seniors who are named National Merit Semi-Finalists or Finalists through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation or named College Board National Recognition Program awardees receive the New American University merit award at ASU. Use ASU’s scholarship estimator tool to see scholarship criteria and details.
The academic experience

Barrett students have access to a host of unique benefits both in and outside of the classroom.

Small Classes
Allow for a more focused setting

Priority Class Registration
For a fully customizable academic schedule

Personal Development
Courses, workshops, and speakers to develop life skills

Internships
Available starting your first year

Research
Gain real-world experience now

Study Abroad
Explore the world around you

Three-tiered Advising
To keep you on track

“[Barrett] encompassed everything I had wanted in college. It mixes that big school university experience with that smaller, tight-knit community as well. National scholars also receive a generous scholarship from ASU to attend, which made coming here very affordable for me.”

Amanda T.
National Recognition Scholar
Chemical Engineering
Colorado

The honors curriculum

“Are all of my classes honors?” Not at all! The purpose of the Barrett curriculum is to help you dive deeper into your passions, when and how you want. Take a look at how the Barrett curriculum is set up below:

6 credits
The Human Event

6 credits
Thesis/creative project

24 credits
Enrichment contracts
Special topics courses
Honors sections
Internships/research
Study abroad trips
T.W. Lewis Center courses

36 honors credits are part of the 120* total credits needed to graduate from ASU.

Remaining credits
Degree requirements

*AP/IB/Dual enrollment can reduce the required 120 credits needed.

For more information on the Barrett curriculum, please visit our website at: barretthonors.asu.edu/visit-and-digital-resources
Barrett by the numbers

7,100+ Students in Barrett
1,100+ Total National Recognition & National Merit scholars enrolled at ASU
45+ Dedicated Barrett faculty
600+ Honors classes
1960+ First-year students in the fall of 2021

2021 Barrett alumni
Of 2020 - 2021 Barrett graduates, within 90 days of graduating:

48% are employed.
38% are starting Master’s or PhD programs.
4% are starting a JD law program.
5% are starting MD, PA, or dental program.
5% are participating in volunteerism or other opportunities.

Downtown Phoenix Campus
Students thrive in a creative city culture near the state capitol, media organizations, and medical centers.

Polytechnic Campus
An academic experience built on large, open research and makerspaces that support the philosophy of learning by doing.

Tempe Campus
A vibrant and diverse campus with easy access to major companies and research centers.

West Campus
A small and welcoming community of scholars with many leadership opportunities and support to excel in their learning.

The Barrett admissions process

1. Apply to ASU
   admissions.asu.edu/apply
2. Apply to Barrett
   barretthonors.asu.edu/admissions
3. Expedited application review
   National scholar applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. However, we encourage early application submissions!
4. Pay ASU enrollment deposit
   Secure your spot by May 1st to select housing and classes as early as possible!

Connect with Barrett
Visit Barrett, The Honors College at any of our four campuses.
barretthonors.asu.edu/visit

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