FAQ for Project Excellence

What is Project Excellence?
Project Excellence is an exciting partnership between the ASU Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law and Barrett, The Honors College, designed to expose Honors students to dynamic Law courses and Law faculty.

What courses are offered?

What are the eligibility requirements for Project Excellence?
Honors students must be in good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.25 and have completed honors credit hours.
Students who started Barrett as Lower Division, and must earn 36 total honors hours, should complete 18 honors credits before requesting an override into a Project Excellence class.
Students who started Barrett as Upper Division, and must earn 21 total honors credits, should complete at least 6 honors credits before requesting an override into a Project Excellence class.

How do you sign up for a class?
Email Sara at sara.jarvie@asu.edu
Please include your name and your 10-digit ASU ID number. Please list up to 2 choices.

Example:
Water Law #91553
Health Law and Policy #91541
Private Property Rights 91544

Once we have confirmed your eligibility to enroll in the class and given you an override, you will be sent a confirmation email and you may register online.

IMPORTANT: Please note that Project Excellence classes are often released a week or two after priority registration for the next semester begins due to course scheduling differences in the Law School.

Do I have to do anything else before classes start?
Yes. There will be a required Project Excellence orientation session before classes start. By signing up for a class, you are also agreeing to attend the required orientation. The date and time for the orientation session will be sent to you over the break. The orientation is usually held during the week before school starts.

How are the classes graded?
Honors students will be graded separately from the Law students, not on the Law School curve. However, all honors students must take HON 494 for a letter grade unless the Law course has a pass/fail option, which is not typical. Project Excellence classes may not be audited. All honors students are limited to a maximum of two Project Excellence classes per semester.

What grades do students get in the classes?
The majority of students get A’s.
What kinds of law classes are offered?
Each Fall and Spring semester approximately 10 upper division elective Law classes are offered to Barrett students listed under the HON 494 prefix.

How much space is available in each law class?
The classes will be comprised primarily of Law students and have room for about 3-10 honors students, depending on the class.

What percentage of Project Excellence students plan on attending law school in the future?

![Do you plan on attending law school in the future?](chart)

What classes have been offered in the past?
http://barretthonors.asu.edu/academics/honors-courses-and-contracts/schedule/

How big are the classes?
The classes vary in size, they range from 20-50 students with 3-10 Barrett students proportionate to the size of the class.

What have past students said about their experience?
If you would like to talk to a currents student who has taken several Project Excellence courses contact Brigitte Nicoletti at brigitte@nicoletti@asu.edu
How challenging was your most recently law course?

- Easy: 0
- Manageable: 6
- Challenging: 15
- Extremely difficult: 2

How would you rate your overall experience in Project Excellence?

- Poor: 0
- Ok: 10
- Good: 20
- Excellent: 30

How would you rate your overall experience with the graduate law professors?

- Poor: 0
- Ok: 10
- Good: 20
- Excellent: 30

Did you feel like you could ask questions in class freely?

- No: 0
- Yes: 33
When will we know when the law classes are available?
An announcement will be sent in the Honors L digest to students when the class list is available. Class seats are distributed on a first come, first served basis and a wait list is run for classes that close. The law school has a different schedule than Barrett so the list comes out several weeks after classes open for Barrett students. Note: If you plan on taking project excellence courses you should plan on rearranging your schedule once the list comes out.

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What advantages does the Project Excellence program offer to students?
In addition to getting to take classes in one of the nation’s top 25 law schools, Project Excellence students have access to the Ross Blakely Law Library, which is a great study space and contains enormous amounts of reference materials. Students may use the Law School’s databases and receive guidance from the excellent staff at the library.

If I have questions about Project Excellence who do I contact?
For questions please contact sara.jarvie@asu.edu.