Barrett first-year guide Arizona State University
The “gold standard”

Recognized by The New York Times as the “gold standard” among the nation’s honors colleges, Barrett, The Honors College is a selective honors experience for academically excelling students. Barrett offers the mentorship of a dedicated faculty, and exclusive academic and extracurricular opportunities.

In Barrett, students enjoy a small community of scholars as well as access to Arizona State University’s extensive research university resources.

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First-year Barrett student breakdown by campus

180 Downtown Phoenix campus

90 Polytechnic campus

1,600 Tempe campus

90 West campus

8 credits

6 credits

The Human Event

6 credits

Thesis/creative project

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

6 credits

Remaining credits

Degree requirements

24 credits

Enrichment contracts
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Join the honors community

Apply to ASU

Submit your ASU application, either through ASU’s website or the Common Application. Once you have your ASURITE User ID, you can apply to Barrett.

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The application for admission to Barrett opens in early September. You can begin your free Barrett application before receiving admission to ASU. You just need your ASURITE User ID.

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Questions about applying to Barrett, The Honors College?

Contact your personal Barrett admission representative.

barretthonors.asu.edu/contact-us

To best support all students, Barrett, The Honors College has decided to go “test blind” for spring 2022 and fall 2022 admission.

This means we will not consider ACT or SAT scores as part of the application process for admission to Barrett, The Honors College for these two semesters.

Barrett by the numbers

7,000+ students in Barrett

600+ honors courses per semester

70% of students are Arizona residents

2,100+ affiliated faculty

1,100+ total National Merit and National Recognition Program scholars enrolled at ASU

30% of students are out-of-state residents

“Barrett has given me a tremendous amount of resources and opportunities throughout my undergraduate career that have allowed me to advance during my time in college and in my career. Barrett allowed me to have the opportunity to intern in a research lab studying stem cells at Mayo Clinic, where I was able to gain hands-on experience outside of the classroom. In addition, the Barrett thesis was an invaluable experience as I was able to utilize the knowledge and skills I developed from both my engineering and Barrett courses to complete an enriching culminating project.”

Amanda T.
Chemical engineering
Colorado

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The Barrett academic experience

Small classes
Barrett students can enroll in honors seminars that are small in size — about 15 students in a class — and taught by full-time faculty.

Three-tiered advising
Honors students have an academic advisor within their major, another within Barrett and a dedicated advising professor in their field of study.

Internships
Barrett, The Honors College partners with more than 100 employers and professionals in a variety of industries, coordinating opportunities such as events, programs and internships exclusively for honors students. Barrett students have interned at such places as the State Capitol, Goldman Sachs, Microsoft, Google and the American Heart Institute.

Research
Barrett students contribute to cutting-edge research with distinguished faculty and through special partnerships with Mayo Clinic, ASU’s Biodesign Institute and NASA. You could develop iPhone applications, build robots, or develop tools to improve health care or meet global energy needs.

Priority registration
Honors students are always in the first group of students to sign up for classes each semester.

Study abroad
Barrett students are strongly encouraged to participate in global studies, either through a Barrett-specific travel program or the larger ASU study abroad offerings.

Scholarships
The Lorraine W. Frank Office of National Scholarships Advisement helps ASU students and alumni compete for national and international scholarships and fellowships that fund research, international study, professional development or post-baccalaureate study. Over the past two decades, hundreds of ASU students have been awarded millions of dollars in external funding, placing ASU among the top schools in the U.S. for success in national scholarship competitions.

Personal development
The T.W. Lewis Center for Personal Development provides innovative courses, workshops and an engaging speaker series, all designed to help students achieve their personal best during and after their college experience.

Thriving Barrett alumni
Graduating from Barrett means doors will open to exciting career paths. Many honors alumni attend the best graduate and professional schools, and have gone on to successful careers in professions as diverse as medicine, law, research and entrepreneurship.

Here’s what 2020–2021 Barrett graduates are doing within 90 days of graduation:

- **48%** are employed.
- **38%** are starting master’s or PhD programs.
- **4%** are starting a JD program.
- **5%** are starting MD or dental programs.
- **5%** are doing something else (e.g., volunteering, taking a gap year, traveling, looking for work, etc.).