

Honors Program General Faculty Report (Fall 2024)

New Transfer Program - The Honors Program welcomed the first-ever cohort of Macaulay transfer students. Twenty-four Transfer students are conditionally accepted into the Macaulay Program at Baruch and are required to complete the four NYC Macaulay Seminars, achieve a 3.5 GPA and earn their associate's degree before officially transferring to Baruch. Personalized advisement was provided to ensure students are on track to meet the conditions of their acceptance and are prepared to enter their intended major when they transfer to Baruch. This group of students brings a rich diversity of interests, life experiences, and strengths.

Experiential Learning and Community building - Honors offered extensive programming for our scholars to encourage community building and support academic success. Group visits to the Mishkin Gallery provided students with the opportunity to learn about the current art exhibit and participate in a sketching activity. We also hosted guided tours of the art installation in Madison Square Park. To celebrate our graduating seniors, we organized visits to the theater, shows included, *Stalker*, *Lempicka*, *Stereophonic*, and *Moulin Rouge*. At our First-Generation Celebration, students engaged with alumni about their first-generation college experience and received valuable tips and guidance on how to thrive in college. At the Critical Race Theory Discussion led by Marx Professors, Dr. Angie Beeman and Dr. Ashley Gaskew students learned about their published and ongoing racial equity focused scholarship. In the spring 2024 semester, the Honors team co-sponsored the [Research and Creative Inquiry Expo](#) with the Bernard L. Schwartz Communications Institute. We had 180 undergraduates participate in the Expo with a total of 101 research projects submitted, several of which focused on issues relevant to New York City life, including “Who manages the lifelines of NYC’s Landscape?”; “Crime in NYC”; “Turning Trash into Treasure: An Analysis of Composting in New York City and the “Financial Impact of NYC Migrant Crisis.”

Honors Courses - For the Spring 2024 semester, Honors offered 51 honors courses, spread across 76 different sections. Honors offerings fall within a range of liberal arts and business disciplines and include both in-person, online and hybrid modalities. The Honors Program also encourages honors scholars to take specialized seminars on-site at the Macaulay campus.

Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships - The National and Prestigious Fellowships Advising Office prepares students to be competitive candidates for a wide range of fellowships. Over 95 candidates from Baruch applied for fellowships in the 23/24 academic year; two students were named Jeannette K. Watson Fellows, one applicant was selected for the globally competitive Schwarzman Scholars program, one student was awarded a CBYX Fellowship to Germany, and sixteen students received Gilman International Scholarships to fund study abroad, among others. The office offered 5 events in the Spring 2024 semester, including information sessions on funding study abroad, business fellowships, fellowships for graduate school, and workshops on specific opportunities such as the Fulbright program. Faculty interested in nominating students or assisting the Fellowships Office, should contact Valeria (Valerie) Hrimnak, Fellowships@baruch.cuny.edu.