

General Faculty Report (Fall 2025)

Appendix

Honors Program

Admissions — First-year students in the Class of 2029 represent 85 High Schools with a mean GPA of 96. Macaulay at Baruch was the first-choice campus for 1900 applicants. The Admissions Committee (faculty and staff) read over 1000 applications to make 250 offers. The Macaulay Honors program at Baruch is selective, with an acceptance rate of 13% for the Class of 2029. Two new admissions initiatives were launched in the spring. First, we sent congratulatory letters from to accepted students from alumni. Second, we executed an Honors for a Day program: an event designed to give accepted students a firsthand experience of life at Baruch. Throughout the day, students participated in a first-year seminar, attended academic sessions led by our exceptional faculty, connected with our Honors Program Ambassadors and worked collaboratively to create vision boards centered on the themes of global experience, leadership, and service.

The [Provost Scholar Program](#) is designed for high achieving continuing students who seek to engage with a rigorous academic program, actively engage in the honors community and pursue experiential learning. To apply for the Provost Scholar program, students with a 3.5 cumulative GPA complete an Honors, submit an application and participate in an interview. Provost Scholars have dedicated advisement, access to our Honors study spaces on-campus, priority registration, access to a study abroad grant and enrichment learning activities. For Spring 2025, we accepted 17 new Provost scholars. Faculty interested in learning more about the program can contact, Troy Heffron, Associate Director/Provost Scholar Advisor at troy.heffron@baruch.cuny.edu.

Experiential Learning and Community building - Honors offered extensive programming for our scholars to encourage community building and support academic success. A group visit to the Mishkin Gallery provided students with the opportunity to learn about the *Visible Communication: Works from the Baruch College Art Collection* and participate in a fun open sketch activity. Students also attended a guided tour of Museum of the Moving Image. To celebrate our graduating seniors, we organized visits to the theater, shows included, *Death Becomes Her*, *MJ the Musical*, *Dead Outlaw*, and *John Proctor the Villain*. Professor Kenneth Abbott led a discussion on the challenges of sourcing data with artificial intelligence.

Honors Courses - For the Spring 2025 semester, Honors offered 56 honors courses, spread across 79 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 - Over 100 candidates from Baruch applied for nationally competitive fellowships in the 24/25 academic year. Among the 30 award winners

includes Baruch's first ever Goldwater Scholar, five Baruch candidates (for 6 awards on offer) selected for the Columbia-SPS CUNY Fellowship, two Baruch candidates who won Critical Language Scholarships, one graduate student awarded a Boren Fellowship to Croatia, and 14 undergraduates selected for the Gilman International Scholarship to fund study abroad. The office offered 5 events in the Spring 2025 semester, including information sessions on funding study abroad, fellowships in business, 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, Valeria.Hrimnak@baruch.cuny.edu.