

Honor Societies

Founded in Philadelphia by the Society of Jesus in 1851, Saint Joseph's University is one of just 153 schools nationwide with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and AACSB business school accreditation.

Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honors organization in the United States. Each school is required to present evidence that its educational program and academic environment "effectively quicken the mind and spirit of its students and faculty by encouraging the full development of their human capacities. Phi Beta Kappa requires that its member institutions give primary emphasis to curricula liberal in character and purpose and that courses distinguished by these qualities shall constitute the principal requirements for the bachelor's degree."

AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business is the premier accrediting agency for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs in business administration and accounting throughout the world. AACSB International is devoted to the promotion and improvement of higher education in business administration and management.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is the academic honor society for College of Professional & Liberal Arts students. This national honor society was founded in 1945 at Northwestern University.

Saint Joseph's University is also a member of the Alpha Epsilon Lambda honor society, the nation's only graduate interdisciplinary honor society. The society was founded for the purpose of recognizing the academic and leadership accomplishments of graduate and professional students. To become members, students must have a GPA of 3.85 or better and demonstrate capacity for leadership performance in the classroom and community.

Distinguished achievement is also recognized by admission to Alpha Sigma Nu, national Jesuit honor society. The Society was founded in 1915 at Marquette University to honor a select number of students each year on the basis of scholarship, loyalty and service. The name of Alpha Sigma Nu signifies the Greek words Adelphotos Skolastikon Nikephoron (company of honor students). At Saint Joseph's University, juniors and seniors who rank in the top 15% of their classes and have a QPA of at least 3.5 may apply for membership.

In addition, achievement is recognized through the following discipline specific national honor societies:

| Phi Beta Kappa Undergraduate Liberal Arts Honor Society | Beta Gamma Sigma AACSB International, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business |
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| Computer Science | Upsilon Pi Epsilon |
| Criminal Justice | Alpha Phi Sigma |
| Economics | Omicron Delta Epsilon |
| Education | Kappa Delta Pi |
| English | Sigma Tau Delta |
| History | Phi Alpha Theta |
| Insurance & Risk Management | Gamma Iota Sigma |
| Mathematics | Pi Mu Epsilon |
| Modern Languages/Classics | Phi Sigma Iota |
| Philosophy | Phi Sigma Tau |
| Physics | Sigma Pi Sigma |
| Political Science | Pi Sigma Alpha |
| Premedical | Alpha Epsilon Delta |
| Psychology | Psi Chi |
| Research Honor Society | Sigma Xi |
| Sociology | Alpha Kappa Delta |
| Spanish | Sigma Delta Pi |
| Theology/Religious Studies | Theta Alpha Kappa |