Social Mobility
BARUCH COLLEGE | THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Baruch College has long been a catalyst for the economic and social mobility of its diverse student population. A growing number of independent agencies have determined that Baruch is a national leader in its ability to propel students from low-income families into the middle class. The College does so by offering an excellent education at an affordable price, along with robust support services that help students succeed in school and long after graduation.

Our Students

Our students hail from 155 countries and speak more than 100 languages. Racial and ethnic minorities, including many recent immigrants and children of immigrants, make up 72 percent of our undergraduate population.

Closing the Income Gap

72% of enrolled undergraduates filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in 2017-18.

OF THESE STUDENTS:

38% are the first in their family to attend college

37% are from households with income less than $20,000
65% are from households with income less than $40,000

The average salary for graduating Baruch students in 2017–18 was $51,058

Average Salaries by School:

- $52,744 Zicklin School of Business
- $46,250 Austin W. Marxe School of Public and International Affairs
- $45,953 George and Mildred Weissman School of Arts and Sciences

Top Rankings and Recognition: Academic Excellence, Access and Value, and Social Mobility for Students

- CNBC ranked Baruch in “Top 50 U.S. Colleges That Pay Off the Most in 2020”
  - #2 best public college for return on investment
- CollegeNET ranked Baruch #1 out of more than 1,400 colleges in the U.S. on its 2020 Social Mobility Index, marking six consecutive years in the top spot.
- U.S. News & World Report “2021 Best Regional Universities in the North” ranked Baruch
  - #2 top performers on social mobility
  - #3 for ethnic diversity
  - #4 among best public institutions
- The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education “Best Colleges 2021” ranked Baruch as the #1 public institution in the nation for value.
- The Brookings Institution ranked Baruch #1 among four-year public colleges nationwide as an engine of economic mobility.
- Money’s “Best Colleges” in 2020 placed Baruch
  - #1 in tristate area—New York, New Jersey, Connecticut—among public institutions
  - #4 in Northeast, among public institutions
- The Princeton Review’s “The Best 386 Colleges” 2021 edition praised Baruch as
  - One of the nation’s best institutions for undergraduates to earn their degree
  - College with strong academic programs, expert faculty, and impressive career development programs
Leading the Way

By providing thousands of students with affordable access to an excellent education, Baruch College has played a vital role in bridging the socioeconomic gap. With financial aid available in the forms of scholarships, grants, federal loans, and work-study, our students can pursue their educational goals regardless of their means.

Financial Freedom

Graduating with little or no student debt is crucial in the pursuit of upward mobility.

- **85%** of Spring 2018 graduates had no federal student loan debt
- **72%** of undergraduates filed a 2017-18 FAFSA
- **23%** of FAFSA filers received scholarships
- **57%** of FAFSA filers received a total of more than $25 million in NY State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grant money
- **68%** of FAFSA filers received Pell Grants

Fundraising and the Baruch College Fund (BCF)

The BCF provides vital financial assistance to our students. Its endowment has surpassed $210 million, enabling essential supplemental support in addition to aid from the state of New York. From scholarships, to dynamic in-class programs and formative experiences beyond the classroom, to support for our world-class faculty, the generosity of the BCF allows us to uphold our mission of access and excellence.

Start-to-Finish Philosophy

At Baruch we focus on the entire path to graduation and beyond, from the moment students set foot on campus to landing their first jobs after graduation. Our support initiatives include:

- **Success Network**: Academic support for underrepresented minorities, focusing on their successful transitions from high school to college life via workshops, social activities, and mentoring.
- **Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge)**: Individual attention and support for students in the forms of counseling, Freshman Seminars, tutoring, supplemental instruction, and financial aid.
- **Starr Career Development Center**: Brings recruiters to campus to fill full- and part-time positions as well as internships. It connects students with employers and offers career counseling, résumé reviews, mock interviews, peer mentoring, and more.
- **America Needs You (ANY) Fellow**: Two-year program that provides low-income, first-generation college students with career development workshops, one-on-one mentoring, networking opportunities, and academic assistance.
- **Executives on Campus (EOC)**: Executive mentors work with students from any major to guide and develop their networking, interviewing, and business etiquette skills.