

## Honor Societies

Founded in Philadelphia by the Society of Jesus in 1851, Saint Joseph's University is one of just 142 schools nationwide with a Phi Beta Kappa chapter and AACSB business school accreditation.

Phi Beta Kappa is the country's oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honors organization. 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.

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.

There is also an academic honor society for University College students, Alpha Sigma Lambda. This national society was founded in 1945 at Northwestern University. There are chapters across the United States, including nine in Jesuit colleges.

Achievement is also recognized through the following discipline specific national honor societies:

<b>Phi Beta Kappa</b> Undergraduate Liberal Arts Honor Society	<b>Beta Gamma Sigma</b> AACSB International, Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business
Computer Science	Upsilon Pi Epsilon
Economics	Omicron Delta Epsilon
Education	Kappa Delta Pi
English	Sigma Tau Delta
History	Phi Alpha Theta
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
Risk Management	Gamma Iota Sigma
Sociology	Alpha Kappa Delta
Spanish	Sigma Delta Pi
Theology	Theta Alpha Kappa