Communication, BS

The communication program at ASU's West campus utilizes the nationally-recognized CommLabASU to train and prepare you for careers in areas such as social media and technology, global communication, public relations and strategic communications, risk and crisis communication, communication training and mentoring, sport communication, and communication philosophy.

Program Description

The communication program offered at ASU’s West campus prepares students to do far more than give a speech or two in front of their peers. It provides an extensive understanding of the practical, theoretical and professional nuances of today's field of communication, designed to equip students with the skills needed to convey complex ideas clearly and effectively through both the spoken and written word.

In utilizing the nationally recognized CommLabASU, this program trains and prepares students for in-depth study into what contributes to and detracts from effective human communication, recognizing that the art of communication is far more nuanced than simple speaking and writing prowess.

Students may pursue one or more focus areas that are designed to amplify their academic and professional preparation in specific contexts, including: public relations, risk and strategic communication; media, culture and social technology; communication training and mentoring; dialogue, relationships and communities; and sport communication.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150 percent of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students
should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West campus WUE, ASU@Lake Havasu
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

- 2019 - 2020 Major Map
- Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an accelerated bachelor's and master's degree with:

- Communication Studies, MA
- Global Management, MGM
- Interdisciplinary Studies, MA
- Social Justice and Human Rights, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students will be advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements
A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of the communication program are trained in effective communication skills, are able to speak and write well, and can convey complex ideas effectively. They are prepared for employment in communication-intensive fields and for further graduate study. Graduates are prepared to perform various forms of data analysis, communication assessment and technical reporting, and they are prepared for graduate study in the social sciences, law, humanities and management. Graduates work in communications-intensive fields such as:

- advertising
- community education
• corporate communications
• crisis management
• customer service and customer relations
• health communication
• human resources management
• media and public relations
• new media
• social media
• training and development

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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