Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, BA

Program Description

Today's employment landscape is evolving into one that prizes expertise in an increasing number of specialized fields. The BA program in interdisciplinary arts and sciences at ASU's West campus allows students to build a flexible, customized degree that is unique to their specific career goals. For example, a business degree with an emphasis in communications can lead to employment opportunities that aren't as easily accessed by a traditional business degree alone.

By providing the opportunity to combine disciplines, the college equips students with the specialized education they need to reach their individual career goals.

This degree program culminates in a capstone internship experience that provides real-world perspective, skills and connections, creating versatile graduates and attractive job applicants in the corporate world.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) 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. See more information and eligibility requirements on the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** West campus
- **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
Accelerated Degrees

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
- 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://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change the major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your 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. Learn more about these programs by visiting the Admissions site.

Global Opportunities
PLuS Alliance
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/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

Global Degree

Career Opportunities

Emphasizing interdisciplinary study combined with a specific area of concentration (e.g., business, communication studies, English, gerontology, history, psychology or preprofessional studies), students tailor their programs to meet individualized career goals. The capstone internship program prepares students to make the transition smoothly to graduate school or postbaccalaureate employment in:

- business settings
- community settings
- cultural settings
- educational settings
- social sciences and human service settings

Students planning graduate or professional degrees in law, business, helping professions or in traditional disciplines benefit from the flexibility of this program for a broad range of future academic and career pursuits.

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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