Social and Behavioral Sciences, BA

The Social and Behavioral Sciences program at ASU's West campus immerses students in the psychological and social principles that influence behavior in a variety of social structures, such as community, culture and family. Students in this program are trained to succeed in careers focused on social advocacy.

Program Description

The curriculum of the BA in social and behavioral sciences provides an understanding of assumptions underlying the social and behavioral sciences; develops students' research skills for analysis of complex social issues; offers a flexible program tailored to the career goals of the individual student; and offers individual and group experiences in working with faculty on concrete intellectual and policy issues.

The core courses provide students with a background suitable to helping them better understand psychological and social principles related to the behavior of individuals across multiple social contexts and institutions (e.g., family, community, society and culture).

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
Students who select the individual and behavior theme area need to have completed MAT 170 in order to meet the prerequisite requirements of courses in that area.

- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

**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.

[Links to Freshman, Transfer, International, and Readmission]

**Change of Major Requirements**

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors. Please see [https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors](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

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

The interdisciplinary degree is an excellent option that matches the individual's interests and fulfills many employers' expectations of a bachelor's degree, namely that it should expose the student to a variety of outlooks and challenges.

Such a degree is competitive in most situations in which the disciplinary social and behavioral degrees are accepted, and it is advantageous when seeking entry to broad professional programs such as regional planning or urban studies.

This degree provides a solid background in social sciences and methodologies that prepares students for graduate work in community development, counseling, criminal justice, professional schools (e.g. law, public administration, social work), public policy, social science disciplines and urban studies or planning.

Other careers include:

- border patrol officer
- community developer
- customer services manager
- housing specialist
- human Relations Officer
- immigration advocate
- lawyer
- lobbyist
- mediator
- nonprofit manager
- social sciences professor
- social services case worker
- statistical analyst
- urban planner
- victim's advocate

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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