Social and Behavioral Sciences, BS

Are you interested in a career focused on social advocacy? The social and behavioral sciences degree program at ASU’s West campus immerses you in the understanding of psychological and social principles that influence behavior in a variety of social structures, such as community, culture and family.

Program Description

The curriculum of the BS program in social and behavioral sciences provides an understanding of assumptions underlying the social and behavioral sciences, enables students to develop research skills necessary 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 a background suitable to help them better understand psychological and social principles related to the behavior of individuals across multiple social contexts and institutions (e.g., community, culture, family and society). The Bachelor of Science degree differs from the BA degree in that it has a stronger focus on the use of statistics.

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% 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

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• Additional Program Fee: No
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
  OR MAT 117 College Algebra
• Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2021 - 2022 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 are 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://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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 MyPath2ASU™ 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
Exploring social and behavioral sciences on the global scale can be beneficial to students in providing understanding of assumptions made about individuals and society. Students studying abroad can develop research skills from firsthand experiences inside and outside of the classroom, using them to analyze complex social issues that affect themselves and those around them domestically and internationally.
https://goglobal.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.

The degree program also 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.

Possible 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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