Social and Cultural Analysis (Peace Studies), BA

Learn how peace is developed or fractured through societal flash points such as gender, ethnicity, race and religion. Through coursework that develops an ability to create and maintain peace, you become a vital asset for civil rights organizations and NGOs, and in the political and corporate sectors.

Program Description

The BA in social and cultural analysis with a concentration in peace studies is a unique, transdisciplinary offering that fosters a critical investigation of peace. It does so primarily through a humanities lens, but not exclusively, and it provides an analysis of peace in connection with issues such as gender, ethnicity, race and religion.

Students learn many perspectives on peace and approaches to it, including theories and practices of peace-building, nonviolence, and conflict avoidance and resolution. The program builds on the expertise of faculty in the humanities and social sciences in fields such as history, linguistics, literature, ethics, philosophy, sociology, ethnic studies and women and gender studies.

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
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:

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 see 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/

Global Degree

Career Opportunities

There is a growing concern for peace building within social and political institutions. As a consequence, numerous jobs now exist in peace-related sectors. Graduates of this program are prepared with the skills and knowledge necessary for graduate work as well as for careers in government, education, business and nonprofit organizations. Knowledge gained can be applied toward professional and personal advancement in education, writing, policy, law, cross-cultural communication, ethics and work with nongovernmental organizations.

Due to the emphasis on the social aspects of peace, diversity and identity, students develop an awareness of the needs of diverse populations and the discourses that help create a culture of peace, enabling them as graduates to apply their knowledge to areas as diverse as the following:

- civil rights organizations
- colleges and universities
- corporations
- government agencies
- law firms
- libraries
- museums
- nongovernmental organizations (NGOs)
- the Peace Corps
- political action groups
- public relation firms
• research organizations
• social service agencies

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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