Sociology, BA

The sociology program provides you with a greater understanding of the development, structure and behavior of organized groups, in order to explore the issues of social change, inequality and diversity. You can learn vital research skills needed to analyze complex social issues, which are valuable assets in journalism, politics and public administration.

Program Description

Sociology is the study of the organization and development of societies and the institutions within them. The sociology program helps students better understand the development, structure, interaction and collective behavior of organized groups. The program explores the theories, practices and policies underlying the issues of social change, inequality and diversity. This BA program in sociology provides training in important research skills used to describe, interpret and evaluate evidence across diverse settings important in the economy.

This is a flexible program that provides opportunities for students to work collaboratively with faculty on intellectual and policy issues and helps them develop the research skills necessary for the analysis of complex social issues. The BS degree differs from the Bachelor of Arts in that it requires an additional methods course.

Graduates are prepared for employment in corporate or governmental organizations or to continue their studies in graduate programs in sociology, social science or professional schools.

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
- 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 apply the sociological perspective to a wide variety of jobs in:

- business and management
- government
- social services
- the criminal justice system
- the health professions

Coursework in sociology provides a valuable preparation for careers in:
• journalism
• law
• nonprofit sector
• politics
• public administration
• public relations

These are all fields that involve investigative skills and an ability to work with diverse groups. Graduates with an advanced degree in sociology may become:

• community activists
• community developers
• criminologists
• demographers
• gerontologists
• organizational advocate
• research analysts
• statisticians
• survey researchers
• urban planners

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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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Behavioral Health Specialist</td>
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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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