Sociology, BS

The sociology program, offered at ASU's West campus, provides students a greater understanding of the development, structure and behavior of organized groups, in order to explore the issues of social change, inequality and diversity. Students learn vital research skills needed to analyze complex social issues, which are valuable assets in journalism, politics and public administration.

Program Description

The School of Social and Behavioral Sciences offers a BS in sociology in the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at ASU's West campus.

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 degree program 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 BA degree 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 (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
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.
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 Agreements**

ASU has partnered with colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington to provide transfer curriculum pathways. Students should select their current institution to see if there is a partnership agreement between the institution and ASU for this degree program. Students who do not see their state or institution listed should check back as ASU is always working on creating new partnerships.

**Transfer from a Maricopa Community College in Arizona**
- Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Estrella Mountain Community College
- GateWay Community College
- Glendale Community College
- Mesa Community College
- Paradise Valley Community College
- Phoenix College
- Rio Salado College
- Scottsdale Community College
- South Mountain Community College

**Transfer from an Arizona Community College**
- Arizona Western College
- Central Arizona College
- Cochise College
- Coconino Community College
- Dine College
- Eastern Arizona College
- Gila Community College
- Mohave Community College
- Northland Pioneer College
- Pima Community College
- Tohono O'odham Community College
- Yavapai College

**Transfer from another state**
- California
- Illinois
- Washington
- Another state

**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
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
- the nonprofit sector

Graduates receive valuable preparation for careers in:

- journalism
- 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 advocates
- 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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