Program Description

The BA degree in business with a concentration in tourism is an innovative, transdisciplinary program intended to prepare students for positions in a variety of professions in which business and tourism play important roles in ensuring success. Developing tourism and recreation opportunities requires an understanding of effective marketing techniques and the ability to interact with many different types of businesses that support those efforts. A solid academic preparation in business helps prepare students for success in the tourism industry and affiliated professions. Students in this program complete rigorous courses within the tourism concentration in addition to the skill and core courses required of all W. P. Carey School of Business majors.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** W. P. Carey School of Business
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map (On-campus)
2018 - 2019 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements
General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Additional Requirements:

Freshman admission requirements for this program are the same as the university's freshman admission requirements.

Readmission requirements: Students must have a 3.00 transfer GPA (if applicable) and a 3.00 cumulative ASU GPA.

Transfer Admission Requirements

Transfer applicants must have a 3.00 GPA for all transfer work and meet university transfer admission requirements. Transfer students should select an additional major, which must be outside W. P. Carey School of Business, when applying for admission.

Students with fewer than 45 transfer hours who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey School of Business major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice will be placed in the exploratory social and behavioral sciences program in the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

Students with more than 45 transfer hours who are not admissible to a W. P. Carey School of Business major and who did not select a second major or are not admissible to their second major choice will be prompted in My ASU to select a new major.

Change of Major Requirements

Students should refer to the following W. P. Carey website to determine if they meet change of major requirements: https://students.wpcarey.asu.edu/degrees-and-advising/degree-programs/change-majors. Students ready to change their major should submit their request through W. P. Carey's Advising SOS: https://apps.wpcarey.asu.edu/apps/advising/index.cfm.

Attend Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

**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 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/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

The W.P. Carey School of Business recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in business with a concentration in tourism: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.bus-tourism](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.bus-tourism).

## Career Opportunities

Tourism management and development combines marketing and economic development with an emphasis on managerial understanding to promote smooth operations. The combination of skills acquired from exposure to both business and tourism courses make graduates more marketable and productive in their careers.

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>Business Analyst</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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