Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, BA

Leadership matters. Join the next generation of entrepreneurial servant-leaders and find solutions to the complex problems of the 21st century. Study great works of moral, political and economic thought, and develop the broad vision, historical knowledge and ethical framework that enables you to serve the common good with humility and wisdom.

Program Description

The BA program in civic and economic thought and leadership prepares students for citizenship, responsibility and the privilege of leadership.

Through the high-impact curriculum, students learn to read, analyze and debate the fundamental ideas in economics, politics and ethics that affect how civil society functions. They learn to ask the right questions when confronting complex problems, and they lead the charge toward workable solutions. Students learn how to become visionary, entrepreneurial leaders who make ethical decisions and unite stakeholders by identifying shared goals. They hone writing, speaking and presentation skills in classes that require them to challenge presumptions and lead constructive conversations about the real issues of the 21st century. Students enjoy access to scholars and professionals in a world-class public affairs and speakers program, and they are given opportunities to apply theory to practice through internships and service-leadership projects that introduce them to the demands of leadership in a liberal democracy.

At a Glance

• College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Location: Tempe campus
• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• **Math Intensity:** General

### Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

### Admission Requirements

**General University Admission Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[Links](#)

### Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](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](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/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

**Career Opportunities**

This rigorous program inspires and prepares students to lead and serve in civil society, public affairs or government. Students refine their ability to read closely, think analytically, write carefully and speak effectively. Internships provide the practical professional experience that employers desire.

Some career paths students might pursue include business, campaign management, education, foreign service, journalism, law, political advising, national security affairs and public office.

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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