Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, BA

Do you want to help reshape society? With courses that provide a solid academic foundation, you leave ASU prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century, whether through creating foreign or domestic policy, building a nonprofit that strengthens communities, or leading a business that impacts the lives of many.

Program Description

The BA in civic and economic thought and leadership incorporates the study of political philosophy, economic thought, history and American politics. Faculty engage students through the socratic method, which challenges students to analyze the complex topics impacting lives today.

The curriculum, combined with outside-the-classroom leadership experiences, prepare students with the broad, academic foundation they will use throughout their careers. Students have the opportunity to intern on Capitol Hill or in congressional offices in their district, with nonprofits around the country, or in an opportunity of their academic interest. They engage with world-renowned scholars and experts who visit ASU for large lectures and small seminars through the school's public programs and civic outreach initiatives, and they are able to apply for one of the school's Global Intensive Experiences, which study service and leadership in places such as Israel and the West Bank, India and South Africa.

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)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  
\text{Freshman} | \text{Transfer} | \text{International} | \text{Readmission}

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to \url{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 \url{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: \url{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 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 professional experience that employers look for on a resume.

Some career paths students might pursue include business, 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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<th>Career</th>
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<td>College Program Director</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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