Communication, BS

Are you looking for tools to help you understand, analyze and respond to problems and opportunities in interpersonal relationships, workplace teams, and community, civic and cultural groups? You'll develop those and other critical analytical skills while exploring the complex role of human communication in everyday life.

Program Description

The BS in communication at ASU's Tempe campus focuses on how message processes create, maintain and transform identities, relationships, workplaces and communities. This degree program provides a liberal arts grounding and a social science focus. Such courses and activities allow students to explore many fascinating questions, such as:

- In what ways can messages convince people to eliminate negative health behaviors?
- When, how and why do cultural differences make it difficult to communicate?
- Why are some topics difficult to discuss and consistently lead to conflict?
- Why do people differ in how committed they are to their work?
- Why do some relationships flourish while others fade away?

Through rigorous coursework and rewarding applied experiences, students gain effective communication skills that are highly sought by employers. Students learn to write and speak effectively and to convey complex ideas simply, preparing them for employment in a variety of career fields or for graduate study.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe campus or online
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map (On-campus)
2020 - 2021 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Accelerated Program Options

This program allows students to choose either a 2.5- or a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

This program also 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:

Global Management, MGM

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.

Additional Requirements:

Students who have attended ASU in the past and are returning to the university with transfer credit must have a minimum 2.00 ASU cumulative GPA in order to be admitted into the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication.

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Students who are transferring into ASU must meet current university admission requirements.
Change of Major Requirements

Current ASU students who would like to change their major to communication must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

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.

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](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request).

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](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) 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/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in communication: [http://links.asu.edu/SAO.communication](http://links.asu.edu/SAO.communication).
Career Opportunities

Graduates of the program often attend leading graduate schools in communication, law or business schools, or find gainful employment in careers in the areas of:

- campaign management
- counseling
- entrepreneurship
- event planning
- health care management
- human resource management
- intercultural relations
- marketing
- nonprofit management
- public relations
- sales

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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