Economics examines how societies, businesses and individuals deal with scarcity. This concentration adds the insights of political science to policies such as antitrust, taxation, environment and health care. Understanding the connections between these fields can prepare you to appreciate and engage in economic and public policymaking decisions.

Program Description

The concentration in politics and the economy serves undergraduate students in the BS program in economics who wish to pursue careers in business, economic and political consulting, political science, law and government.

In addition to coursework drawn from economics, the concentration also requires coursework that highlights the impact of government policies on the economy and the conditions under which government interventions may be warranted. Students take political science courses that provide a deep understanding of political processes and institutions as well as methodologies for understanding that behavior.

Students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in economics with a concentration in politics and the economy may not pursue a concurrent degree with the BS in economics from The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences nor a BS in economics from the W. P. Carey School of Business due to the high level of overlap in curriculum. Students should speak with their academic advisor for any further questions.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus or MAT 270 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I
• **Math Intensity:** Moderate

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

[2020 - 2021 Major Map](#)

[Major Map (Archives)](#)

**Accelerated Program Options**

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:](#)

[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.

[Freshman] | [Transfer] | [International] | [Readmission]

**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.

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/

Career Opportunities

Graduates are well prepared for successful careers in business, economic and political consulting, law and government, whether they seek employment immediately upon graduation or they choose to pursue advanced degrees in law, business, economics or political science.

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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