Geography (Meteorology-Climatology), BS  LAGCUMBS

Do you get excited when storms build up on the horizon? Are you intrigued by weather phenomena and how they happen? This technical program helps you better understand everything from local storms to climate change and prepares you for an impactful career as a meteorologist or climatologist.

Program Description

The meteorology-climatology concentration under the BS program in geography is designed to meet the requirements for certification as a meteorologist by the National Weather Service. It covers dynamic as well as synoptic meteorology.

Students gain a focused understanding of weather, climate and the various related methods of measurement and instrumentation. Required courses include atmospheric physics, operational weather forecasting, three semesters of calculus and two semesters of calculus-based physics.

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 270 - Calculus w/Analytic Geometry I
- **Math Intensity:** Substantial

Required Courses (Major Map)
Concurrent Program Options

Students can choose to create their own concurrent degree combination to match their interests by working with their academic advisor during or after their first semester of study. Some concurrent combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum; students should speak with their academic advisor for more details.

This degree is also offered as a concurrent program with an integrated major map with the following:

- Journalism and Mass Communication, BA

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:

- Geography, MA
- Urban and Environmental Planning, MUEP

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are 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](#)

Additional Requirements:

Concurrent degree admission requirements:

Freshman applicants must meet all of the following standards:

1. minimum ABOR GPA of 3.75
2. no English competency deficiencies
3. 1040 SAT Reasoning or 22 ACT score

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Transfer students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 from a transfer institution.
Change of Major Requirements

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

ASU students who would like to change their majors to the concurrent program with journalism and mass communication must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in 12 or more credit hours of ASU courses that can be used to satisfy the Cronkite School's nonelective General Studies requirements.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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 MyPath2ASU™ 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
Students deepen their understanding of climate diversity around the globe through study abroad. With over 250 programs available, study abroad allows students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets and to gain hands-on experience in diverse landscapes and cultures. To stand out in a competitive field, students can enhance their resumes with the heightened cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills they can acquire from studying abroad. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

Students successfully completing the program have found employment with:

- airlines
• energy power companies
• government agencies
• military (meteorology and pilot training)
• National Weather Service

This program also provides suitable preparation for graduate study in either meteorology or climatology.

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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