ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Please explore Degree Search for other similar program options.

Program Description

Geographers have a unique spatial perspective in understanding the modern world, from global to local, through the twin lenses of space and place.

The urban studies concentration under the BS program in geography applies the tools of geography to the study of urban areas. Students have an opportunity to focus in particular on the Phoenix metropolitan area and other rapidly urbanizing regions in arid climates. Tied with geographic information science, the urban studies major brings together both knowledge and skill sets in a powerful way.

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 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2018 - 2019 Major Map](#)
[Major Map (Archives)](#)

Admission Requirements
General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

Students should refer to 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

Students successfully completing the BS program in geography with a concentration in urban studies pursue employment with city planning agencies as well as other government entities at various levels (county, state, federal). The urban studies concentration, especially when combined with a focus on geographic information science, gives graduates an advantage in careers that combine urban planning with GIS and in other jobs dealing with urban issues, including:
• economic development planning
• GIS databases for city governments
• housing issues
• sustainable planning
• transportation

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