Politics and the Economy, BS

Would you like a deeper understanding of political and economic problems in the global context? Complete foundational courses and use tools such as quantitative analysis and modeling to learn how you can make a difference in addressing important world issues.

Program Description

The BS program in politics and the economy prepares students for careers that require a sophisticated understanding of the relationship between politics and the economy. This degree is a response to the growing recognition that many of the world's most pressing problems (e.g., growth and development, tax reforms, and climate change) are fundamentally political and economic problems. The program combines core courses in economics and political science. Utilizing the strengths of both the Department of Economics and the School of Politics and Global Studies, students graduate with strong quantitative and modeling skills and a rich understanding of political context.

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
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

[2019 - 2020 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:

Political Science, MA

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 |

**Additional Requirements:**

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

**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](https://transfersearch.asu.edu) 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/

Career Opportunities

According to external forecasters of employment growth (U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. News & World Report), job opportunities for graduates of the politics and the economy degree program are expected to grow as fast or faster than the average growth of the labor force. They note that the demand for graduates grounded in economics and political science is driven by the growing complexity of the global economy, the increased implementation of financial regulations in wealthier nations and the growing competitiveness of the business environment. In terms of specific sectors, undergraduates are well-prepared for entry positions in government at all levels (local, state and federal), business, economic and political consulting, and law. They are also prepared 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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