Politics and the Economy, BS

When you pursue a BS in politics and the economy, you'll gain a deeper understanding of political and economic problems in a global context. You'll examine the relationship between politics and the economy through quantitative analysis and modeling to prepare for a wide variety of careers or advanced graduate study.

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: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus
- Additional Program Fee: No
- Second Language Requirement: No
- First Required Math Course: MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
- Math Intensity: Moderate

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.

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 see https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Agreements

ASU has partnered with colleges and universities in Arizona, California, Illinois and Washington to provide transfer curriculum pathways. Students should select their current institution to see if there is a partnership agreement between the institution and ASU for this degree program. Students who do not see their state or institution listed should check back as ASU is always working on creating new partnerships.

Select a college

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Estrella Mountain Community College
- GateWay Community College

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- Arizona Western College
- Central Arizona College
- Cochise College
- Coconino Community College
- Dine College

Select a state

- California
- Illinois
- Washington
- Another state
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/)

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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