Political Science, BA

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Interested in politics and public issues in the United States and abroad? Do you see yourself heading to law school or working in political campaigns or as a diplomat? This degree is an excellent springboard for a wide variety of careers, both inside and outside of government.

Program Description

The BA program in political science offers a variety of courses and opportunities to study politics and policies at the local, national and global levels. The program aims to provide students with the tools and skills necessary to link theory with real-world problems and issues.

Study how citizens interact with their governments and how governments at all levels formulate policies to serve or not serve their citizens. From U.S. elections and lobbying to international issues of terrorism, diplomacy and empowerment, students can learn about politics and explore innovative approaches to today's emerging challenges.

With coursework in several areas of political science and broad exposure to ASU's liberal arts offerings, the Bachelor of Arts degree in political science produces well-rounded learners with the research and writing skills useful for success in political or governmental careers, law school, graduate study, business or the nonprofit sector.

Students currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program in political science may not pursue a concurrent degree with the Bachelor of Science in politics and the economy 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 or online, ASU Local@Los Angeles
Required Courses (Major Map)

2021 - 2022 Major Map (On-campus)
2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)
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 Security (Cybersecurity), MA
Global Security, MA
Political Psychology, MA
Political Science, MA
Public Administration - Downtown Phoenix, MPA
Public Policy, MPP

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

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu for information about how to change a major to this program.

Attend Online
ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**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™](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs) 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**

Students can experience firsthand the diverse political and social powers governing communities around the globe. With over 250 programs available, study abroad allows students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Students majoring in political science can enhance their learning by gaining a global perspective on political theory and world affairs in countries under regime types like communism and monarchies. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in political science: [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/major/spgs/political-science](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/students/major/spgs/political-science).

**Career Opportunities**

Many program graduates have found positions in the following:

- foreign service
- legislative staff organizations
- lobbying and advocacy groups
- local and national media organizations
- local, national and global nonprofit organizations
- multinational corporations
- national, state, and local government agencies
- political consulting
- research institutions
- the courts and judicial administration
In addition, some graduates have gone on to other top-tier graduate and professional schools. These students have found a range of employment opportunities in the fields of:

- communication
- education
- foreign service
- journalism
- law
- political science
- public service

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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