Political Science, BS

Study how citizens interact with their governments and how governments at all levels formulate policies to serve their citizens. From domestic elections and lobbying to the international issues of terrorism, diplomacy and empowerment, apply what you learn as you explore innovative approaches to today's emerging local and global challenges.

Program Description

The BS in political science is useful for students who are looking for careers that require analytical thinking and quantitative skills. It offers a variety of courses and opportunities to study politics and public policy 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. By providing experience with the analysis of political statistics, this degree program acquaints students with quantitative application skills. These skills are useful in graduate studies in political science, careers in public policy and other analytical positions in or related to government and politics.

At a Glance

• College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• Location: Tempe campus or online
• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)
2019 - 2020 Major Map (Online)
Accelerated Degree 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

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request 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.

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/

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in political science:  http://links.asu.edu/SAO.politicalscience.

Career Opportunities

Many graduates of this degree program have found positions in:

- Arizona governor's office
- Federal Reserve
- foreign service
- judiciary branches of government
- local and national newspapers
- local, national and global nonprofit organizations
- local, state and national government
- multinational corporations

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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