Political Science, BS

Are you a political aficionado, fascinated by how political systems work? Study the assumptions that underlie political science and develop research skills to analyze the ways societal and political issues connect.

Program Description

The BS in political science gives students the background and skills they need to gain employment in a relevant profession, to continue their studies in graduate programs in political science or in the social sciences or to pursue a particular discipline at a professional school. The program helps students understand the assumptions underlying political science and develop the research skills to analyze complex socio-political issues. Those objectives are accomplished by offering a flexible program and by providing students with both individual and group experiences, working with faculty on concrete intellectual and policy issues.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
- **Location:** Polytechnic campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 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:

**Integrative Social Science, MS**

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://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) 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 [MyPath2ASU™](https://changemajor.apps.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**

Studying abroad while learning political science increases students' ability to analyze complex socio-political issues by adding a global scale. Study abroad programs offer global skills and knowledge to prepare students to lead in 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

The program serves as good preparation for staff, manager or policy analyst positions in local, state and federal government. This degree is recognized by employers as qualification for many careers in business (for-profit and nonprofit) and industry. Opportunities may include positions that involve binational, crossborder positions linking U.S. and Mexican businesses, Arizona-Sonora local government or local community groups on both sides of the border.

Many students use the degree as a gateway to law school or as a basis for further study in such applied fields as:

- community development
- political science
- public administration
- public policy
- social science
- urban affairs
- urban and regional planning

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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