Criminology and Criminal Justice (Policing), BS

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Gain an in-depth understanding of practices, policies and key issues related to 21st century policing in this program that helps you develop knowledge that can lead to better employment opportunities in local, state and federal law enforcement.

Program Description

The concentration in policing in the BS program in criminology and criminal justice provides students with knowledge on policing strategies, police management, police accountability, crime analysis and procedural criminal law. Students completing the concentration have a better understanding of how police organizations operate and are led; effective strategies for reducing crime, building trust and increasing accountability; improving police-citizen community relations (especially in communities of color); how the Constitution protects the rights of individuals in interactions with law enforcement; and techniques for analysis and mapping of crime and other police data.

After finishing the concentration in policing, students are better prepared for future employment in law enforcement and to contribute to the future of policing in the United States.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix campus](#), [West campus](#) or [online](#), [ASU Local@Los Angeles](#)

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
Required Courses (Major Map)

2021 - 2022 Major Map (On-campus)
2021 - 2022 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

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.

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™ 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 (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire 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 they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. 

https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities for graduates of the policing program include work at the local level in sworn positions in police departments and sheriff's offices; the state level in trooper and investigator roles in state agencies; and the federal level in agent and officer positions in federal law enforcement agencies. Outside of police officer jobs, career opportunities also include work in crime and intelligence analysis and private security.

Graduates of the criminology and criminal justice program with a concentration in policing can also continue to graduate studies in criminology, related fields or law school.

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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