Program Description

The School of Public Affairs offers a concentration in criminology as part of the BS in public service and public policy. Criminology continues to be a highly sought-after area and it presents broad policy implications for future public sector professionals. The concentration program introduces students to the fundamental foundations in criminal justice and criminology by preparing them to think critically, contribute to society and enhance public safety.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program at the following location: Downtown Phoenix campus. Students from Western states who select this major and campus may be eligible for reduced nonresident tuition at a rate of 150 percent of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. See more information and eligibility requirements on the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program.

At a Glance

- **College/School**: Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location**: Downtown Phoenix campus

- **Additional Program Fee**: No
- **Second Language Requirement**: No
- **First Required Math Course**: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity**: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)
Accelerated Degrees

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:

- Public Administration (Emergency Management), MPA
- Public Administration (NonProfit Administration), MPA
- Public Administration (Public Finance), MPA
- Public Administration (Urban Management), MPA
- Public Administration - Downtown Phoenix, MPA

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 minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA is required to change into this program. Students should refer to 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.

Transfer from a Maricopa Community College in Arizona

Transfer from an Arizona Community College

Transfer from another state
Select a college

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Estrella Mountain Community College
- GateWay Community College
- Glendale Community College
- Mesa Community College
- Paradise Valley Community College
- Phoenix College
- Rio Salado College
- Scottsdale Community College
- South Mountain Community College

Select a college

- Arizona Western College
- Central Arizona College
- Cochise College
- Coconino Community College
- Dine College
- Eastern Arizona College
- Gila Community College
- Mohave Community College
- Northland Pioneer College
- Pima Community College
- Tohono O'odham Community College
- Yavapai 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

The program is primarily focused on individuals working or interested in working in the public sector. The skills and knowledge students acquire will allow them to successfully function in many types of organizations, though the primary focus is on public organizations. A bachelor's degree program in public service and public policy prepares students for entry- and mid-level supervisory and managerial positions in
city, county, state and federal agencies. For those who already have work experience, the degree provides further opportunity for promotion.

The criminology concentration provides students with more specialized knowledge about the policy implications of criminology-related decisions and actions.

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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