Public Service and Public Policy (Health Policy), BS

Are you passionate about exploring how government and policy affect your community or the lives of others? Gain an excellent foundation in public policy while you enjoy internship opportunities that build the expertise needed in high-demand careers in the public sector. This program is located in downtown Phoenix, near city, county and state governments.

Program Description

The School of Public Affairs offers a concentration in health policy as part of the BS in public service and public policy. This program allows students to build a course of study that emphasizes their own areas of interest. The health care industry is continuing to be a major part of the U.S. and world economy.

The concentration in health policy provides students who have an interest in policy to focus on health-related issues and their policy implications. The courses in the concentration are offered by the School of Nutrition and Health Promotion and the School of Human Evolution and Social Change. All the courses are part of the college's regular degree offerings. Thus, students emerge from the program prepared to address policy issues in this substantive area with an understanding of the range of public service careers (including government, nonprofit and for-profit options), the economics of public affairs, the challenge of leadership in the public context and the dynamics of administering public programs.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange 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% of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. Students should click the link for more information and eligibility requirements of the WUE program.

At a Glance
• College/School: Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
• Location: Downtown Phoenix campus

• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• 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:

Global Management, MGM
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
Public Policy (Environmental Policy), MPP
Public Policy (Policy Informatics), MPP
Public Policy (Science and Technology Policy), MPP
Public Policy, MPP

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 cumulative GPA of 2.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") is required to change into this program.

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

Career Opportunities

The program is primarily focused on providing students with the knowledge and skills required for entry- and mid-level supervisory and managerial positions in the public sector, such as city, county, state and federal agencies, though they would function successfully in many other types of organizations as well. For those who already have work experience, the degree provides further opportunity for promotion.

The health policy concentration provides students with more specialized knowledge about the policy implication of health-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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<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
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<td>Advocate</td>
<td>16.4%</td>
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<td>Community Health Worker</td>
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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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