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 BS in public service and public policy with a concentration in parks and recreation management.

Leisure and quality of life are an essential part of U.S. society. This program provides students a transdisciplinary education in the management of parks, protected areas and community-based recreation services.

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 [WUE](#)

- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
**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 is required to change into this program.

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™ 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

Study abroad programs that travel to some of the world’s most renowned and pristine parks, wildlife reserves and other recreational facilities, from forests to reefs to deserts, provide students with insight as to how other countries use policy to manage their natural resources. Studying abroad allows students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skillsets with over 250 programs available.

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 allow them to successfully function in many other types of organizations; however, the emphasis 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 parks and recreation management concentration provides students with more specialized knowledge about the policy implication of the development and management of leisure in modern life.

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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