Social Work, BSW

Program Description

Social work practitioners are committed to the enhancement of individual, family and group problem-solving capacities and the creation of a more nurturing, just and humane social environment.

The undergraduate curriculum leads to a BSW. Juniors and seniors majoring in social work focus on social work courses in social policy and services, human behavior in the social environment, social work practice, research and field instruction in community agencies. In addition, majors take elective courses in related areas.

Students interested in completing the Bachelor of Social Work program in Tucson are encouraged to complete a Transfer Admission Guarantee program. The Tucson location option is only available to transfer students. For admission requirements, students should see https://socialwork.asu.edu/programs/bsw/social-work.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West 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.

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, West campus, ASU@Tucson
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Tucson Students: ASU has a pathway that allows students to complete the ASU Transfer Admission Guarantee in social work, a prescribed sequence of courses that meets the requirements for the community college's Associate of Arts degree and the lower-division requirements for the ASU Bachelor of Social Work. The Tucson program option is only available to transfer students. Upon completion of the TAG, students will complete the remaining requirements for ASU's bachelor's program. Students should see https://admission.asu.edu/transfer for more information about ASU degrees offered at local community colleges.

This program may also accept transfer credit in lieu of a TAG agreement. Students should contact the School of Social Work for details.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.
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

Cross-cultural understanding is one of the most important skills of students moving into social work careers, which is also one of the main learning outcomes of study abroad programs. By participating in a study abroad program, students will examine global social work as it relates to community-building, service organizations, support for disenfranchised people and human rights advocacy. Students will apply this knowledge and skills in the U.S. to a unique intercultural focus with experiential learning from study abroad.

https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

The program prepares students to be generalist social work practitioners, focusing on advocacy, referrals, case management and problem-solving functions with individuals, groups, families, organizations and the community.

Employment in social work is expected to increase commensurately with the needs of a growing and diverse population.

Social workers are employed in public and private agencies dealing with a wide variety of social issues, including:
• adoption  
• aging  
• AIDS  
• child abuse  
• corrections  
• delinquency  
• disability  
• discrimination  
• domestic violence  
• family dysfunction  
• foster care  
• health  
• homelessness  
• mental health  
• poverty  
• school-related problems  
• substance abuse  
• teen pregnancy

Social work skills such as problem-solving, resource utilization, counseling, group work and community organization are also useful for positions with industry in employee relations and mediation.

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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