Social Work, BSW

Program Description

Students interested in completing the BSW 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/bsw.

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 Bachelor of Social Work. 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.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) 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 percent of Arizona resident tuition plus all applicable fees. See more information and eligibility requirements on the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program. 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 Solut
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus WUE, West campus WUE, ASU@Tucson
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **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)

**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://transfer.asu.edu/](https://transfer.asu.edu/) 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://students.asu.edu/changingmajors](https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors) for information about how to change the major to this program.
Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping you thrive by offering tools that allow you to personalize your 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. Learn more about these programs by visiting the Admissions site.

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 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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<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
<th>*Median Salary</th>
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<td>Addictions Counselor</td>
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<td>Behavioral Health Specialist</td>
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<td>Counselor (General)</td>
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<td>Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)</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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