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 MyPath2ASU 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 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)

2021 - 2022 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:

The MyPath2ASU™ pathway allows Arizona transfer students to complete a prescribed sequence of courses that meet the requirements for the community college's Associate of Arts degree along with the lower-division requirements for the ASU major.

Students should visit https://admission.asu.edu/transfer for more information about ASU degrees offered at local community colleges.

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should refer to 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
When participating in a study abroad program, students examine social work through an international lens as it relates to community-building, service organizations, support for disenfranchised people, and human rights advocacy. Cross-cultural understanding is one of the main learning outcomes of study abroad programs and is also one of the most important skills of students moving into social work careers. Students then can take the knowledge and skills learned in the program along with the unique intercultural focus gained from study abroad to enhance their work in the U.S. https://goglobal.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 and teen pregnancy
- aging
- child abuse and foster care
- corrections and delinquency
- disability
- discrimination
- domestic violence and family dysfunction
- health and mental health
- homelessness and poverty
- substance abuse

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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