Effective communication is essential for nearly any human endeavor. Your ability to convey ideas, share opinions and influence behavior are critical skills that directly affect professional and personal lives. This degree prepares you to communicate successfully with various audiences across a variety of settings.

Program Description

The BA program in communication is a broad-based program that trains individuals to speak and write competently, manage relationships well, problem-solve effectively and understand the role and function of communication in public forums, organizational settings, relational exchanges and intercultural situations.

The curriculum provides an extensive understanding of the practical, theoretical and professional distinctions of today's field of communication. Utilizing the nationally recognized CommLabASU, students perform in-depth study of what contributes to and detracts from effective human communication, recognizing that the art of communication is far more nuanced than simple speaking and writing prowess.

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.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West WUE](#), [ASU at Lake Havasu](#)
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

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:

Communication Studies, MA
English, MA
Global Management, MGM
Interdisciplinary Studies, MA
Social Justice and Human Rights, MA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

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 they 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/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Communication students gain intercultural experience through tailored study abroad programs. Students improve language and cross-cultural skills for effective communication, develop critical teamwork and problem-solving skills and expand their knowledge of the liberal arts through lenses of different cultures. There are opportunities for study across the globe, including in Spain, Australia, the United Kingdom and a semester at sea. More information is available on the Global Education website.
https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts in communication prepares students for careers in social media and technology, global communication, public relations and strategic communications, risk and crisis communication, communication training and mentoring, sport communication and communication philosophy. Because communication skills are crucial to many professions, graduates work in a variety of fields, including:

- customer service and customer relations
- health and human services
- human resources
- lobbying
- management
- marketing
- media and public relations
- mediation
- social media design and implementation
- training and development

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.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Career</th>
<th>*Growth</th>
<th>*Median Salary</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Employee Training Manager</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
<td>$115,640</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Human Resources Manager</td>
<td>6.3%</td>
<td>$121,220</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lawyer</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
<td>$126,930</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marketing Associate</td>
<td></td>
<td>$133,460</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marketing Manager</td>
<td>6.7%</td>
<td>$142,170</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mediator</td>
<td>7.7%</td>
<td>$66,130</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Relations Manager (PR Manager)</td>
<td></td>
<td>not available</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public Relations Specialist</td>
<td>7.2%</td>
<td>$62,810</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sales Manager</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
<td>$132,290</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Technical Writer</td>
<td>7.4%</td>
<td>$74,650</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

☀ Bright Outlook  🌿 Green Occupation

**Contact Information**

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences | FAB N100  
sbsadvising@asu.edu | 602-543-3000