Social Justice and Human Rights, BA

Are you passionate about advocating for social justice and the protection of human rights? You can prepare for a rewarding future as an advocate for vulnerable populations, through this program.

Program Description

The BA program in social justice and human rights at ASU’s New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences spans both the social sciences and the humanities to prepare students to meet the challenges of social justice and protection of human rights in local, national, international and global contexts.

Coursework prepares students to serve as advocates for alleviating political, economic and social inequality. The degree program introduces students to principles and practices of everyday humanitarianism, multimedia advocacy, and theories and practices of social justice and human rights.

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 or Online, ASU Local

- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General 🟢🟢🟢🟢🟢
Required Courses (Major Map)

2023 - 2024 Major Map (On-campus)
2023 - 2024 Major Map (Online)
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 plus master's degree with:

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

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and how to apply.

Admission Requirements

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

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

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

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.
Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program’s ASU Online page for program descriptions and to request more information.

ASU Local

It is now possible to earn an ASU degree with ASU Local, an integrated college experience in which students take advantage of in-person success coaching and programming experiences on site while completing one of 130+ undergraduate online degree programs, all of which come with online faculty interaction and tutoring support.

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.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Students are able to deepen their understanding of global human rights through study abroad. With more than 300 programs available, students can tailor their educational experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Students can explore the influence of culture, law, race and religion on a global scale in order to prepare them to make an impact for social justice and human rights.

More information on available programs can be found on the Global Education website.

Career Opportunities

Graduates with this degree are employable in a variety of settings, including refugee resettlement agencies; agencies and shelters supporting survivors of domestic abuse; shelters for migrants, especially for unaccompanied minors; disaster relief agencies; organizations assisting survivors of sex trafficking and human labor trafficking; and agencies assisting veterans. Career opportunities include:
• charitable fundraiser (e.g., Nina M. Pulliam Charitable Trust staff)
• grant writer
• humanitarian aid worker (e.g., U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights aid worker, Oxfam aid worker)
• human rights lawyer
• international governmental organization professional (e.g., United Nations staff)
• investigative journalist
• lobbyist for human rights and social justice causes
• nongovernmental organization professional (e.g., Amnesty International professional)
• nonprofit agency manager (e.g., Special Olympics Arizona, international manager)
• public policy researcher

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Advocate</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
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<td>Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES)</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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