Biology (Pharmacology/Toxicology), BS

Are you interested in a discipline that yields astounding breakthroughs and contributions to the medical community? In this program, you can learn how foreign materials react with the human body.

Program Description

The pharmacology and toxicology concentration of the BS program in biology provides an emphasis in the biochemical, molecular and physiological components of chemical and body interactions.

The degree program emphasizes experiential learning, and all required core courses have laboratories. By learning in an integrative environment that emphasizes the connectedness of the disciplines, students gain a better understanding of larger scientific concepts and they can view these concepts from multiple perspectives. To have a thorough understanding of the interactions of chemicals in the biological system, students study both biology and chemistry and become familiar with chemical interactions at physiological, molecular and cellular levels.

Undergraduates have the opportunity to conduct independent research under the mentorship of faculty members or in internships outside the school.

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](#)
• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 210 - Brief Calculus
  or MAT 251 Calculus for Life Sciences
• Math Intensity: Moderate

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.

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
Students gain valuable, resume-building experience by studying abroad. With over 250 programs available, study abroad allows students to tailor their educational experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Students pursuing the pharmacology and toxicology concentration can expand their knowledge of how science impacts society in a variety of cultures and gain the global skills and knowledge they need to be able to lead in a 21st century career. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

Career Opportunities
Graduates are prepared for occupations such as:

- risk assessor
- laboratory researcher
- pharmacist
- physician
- physician's assistant
- veterinarian

Graduates may work in governmental agencies or private companies in areas such as:

- clinical trials
- product safety evaluation
- regulatory affairs
- teaching

Graduates are also prepared for entry-level employment in the growing field of environmental toxicology as well as for graduate or professional programs in pharmacology and toxicology.

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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<td>4.9%</td>
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*Growth percentages and median salaries are approximate and subject to change.
**Surgeon (General)**  
not available

**Veterinarian (Vet)**  
15.9%  
$99,250

* 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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