

Social and Behavioral Sciences, BS

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Are you interested in a career focused on social advocacy? Immerse yourself in the understanding of psychological and social principles that influence behavior in a variety of social structures, such as community, culture and family.

Program description

The curriculum of the BS degree program in social and behavioral sciences provides students with an understanding of assumptions underlying the social and behavioral sciences, enabling them to develop the research skills necessary for analysis of complex social issues. This flexible program can be tailored to the career goals of each student and offers individual and group experiences working with faculty on concrete intellectual and policy issues. Students are exposed to a variety of outlooks and challenges.

The core courses provide students with the requisite background that enables them to better understand psychological and social principles related to the behavior of individuals across multiple social contexts and institutions (e.g., community, culture, family and society).

The Bachelor of Science degree differs from the BA degree in that it has a stronger focus on the use of statistics.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West Valley 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 Valley](#) [WUE](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No

- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics Any math course that meets the MATH designation.
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 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](#)

[Interdisciplinary Studies, MA](#)

[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 higher education, 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

Exploring social and behavioral sciences on the global scale can be beneficial to students; they gain an understanding of assumptions made about individuals and society. Studying abroad enables students to develop research skills from firsthand experiences inside and outside of the classroom and use those skills to analyze complex social issues that affect them and others elsewhere. More information about study abroad programs is available on the [Global Education website](#).

Career opportunities

The program provides a solid background in social sciences and methodologies, preparing students for graduate work in community development, counseling, criminal justice, professional schools (e.g., law, public administration, social work), public policy, regional planning, social science disciplines, and urban studies or planning.

Possible careers include:

- advocate (e.g., immigration, children's, victim's)
- community developer
- human relations officer
- lawyer
- lobbyist
- mediator
- nonprofit manager
- social services case worker
- statistical analyst
- urban planner

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Addictions Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Advocate</u> ☀	8.6%	\$38,520
<u>Community Specialist</u> ☀	6.5%	\$47,290
<u>Human Behavior Researcher</u> ☀	4.8%	\$50,470
<u>Lawyer</u> ☀	7.5%	\$135,740
<u>Mediator</u> ☀	5.0%	\$64,030
<u>Paralegal Assistant</u>	0.2%	\$62,340
<u>Patient Advocate</u> ☀	6.6%	\$44,990
<u>Politician</u>	3.4%	\$48,090
<u>Probation Officer</u>	2.5%	\$59,860

* 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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