

Social and Cultural Analysis (Peace Studies), BA

ASSCAPSBA

When you learn how peace is developed or fractured through societal flash points, you will develop the ability to create and maintain peace --- and become a vital asset to organizations in any career path.

Program description


The BA degree program in social and cultural analysis with a concentration in peace studies is a unique, transdisciplinary offering that fosters a critical investigation of peace. It does so primarily through a humanities lens, but not exclusively, and it provides an analysis of peace in connection with issues such as gender, ethnicity, race and religion.

Students learn many perspectives on peace and approaches to it, including theories and practices of peace building, nonviolence, and conflict avoidance and resolution. The program builds on the expertise of faculty in the humanities and social sciences in fields such as history, linguistics, literature, ethics, philosophy, sociology, ethnic studies, and women and gender studies.

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**
- **Second language requirement:** No

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

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 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 plus master's degree** with:

[English, 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.

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 can observe the impacts of peace and war on cultures and communities across the globe. Study abroad, with more than 300 unique experiences, allows students of peace studies to deepen their understanding of global peace through exploration of the impact of culture, race, religion and law on peace-building. More information is available on the [Global Education website](#).

Career opportunities




There is a growing concern for peace building within social and political institutions. As a consequence, numerous jobs now exist in peace-related sectors. The program's emphasis on the social aspects of peace, diversity and identity provides graduates with an awareness of the needs of diverse populations and the discourses that help create a culture of peace.

Graduates possess the skills and knowledge necessary for graduate work as well as for professional and personal advancement in education, writing, policy, law, cross-cultural communication and ethics. Their knowledge can be applied in careers in government, education, business and nonprofit organizations and in areas as diverse as the following:

- civil rights organizations
- colleges and universities
- government agencies
- libraries
- museums
- nonprofit organizations
- the Peace Corps

- political action groups
- research organizations
- social service agencies

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>Communication Professor</u>	3.4%	\$76,250
<u>Cultural Studies Professor</u>	3.9%	\$80,910
<u>Editor</u>		\$73,080
<u>Lawyer</u> 	7.5%	\$135,740
<u>Mediator</u> 	5.0%	\$64,030
<u>News Reporter</u>		\$55,960
<u>Political Analyst</u> 	6.6%	\$128,020
<u>Political Science Professor</u>	3.7%	\$83,770
<u>Politician</u>	3.4%	\$48,090

* 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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