

# Sociology, BA

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Do you want to better understand intimate relationships, friendship groups or families? In this research-based program, you'll explore these areas and investigate why people groups behave the way they do in regard to politics, economics, law, inequality and public health crises.

## Program description

Sociology is the study of the organization and development of societies and the institutions within them. The sociology program helps students better understand the development, structure, interaction and collective behavior of organized groups.



The program explores the theories, practices and policies underlying the issues of social change, inequality and diversity. This BA degree program in sociology provides students with training in important research skills used to describe, interpret and evaluate evidence across diverse settings important in the economy.

This flexible program provides opportunities for students to work collaboratively with faculty on intellectual and policy issues and helps them develop the research skills necessary for the analysis of complex social issues.

The Bachelor of Arts program requires a qualitative methods course, and the BS program requires a quantitative methods course.

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](#) , [ASU at Lake Havasu](#)
- **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:

[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.

## 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 enhance their understanding of societal structure and human interaction through a global lens by [studying abroad](#), and programs with unique cultural experiences can be found around the world. Students can gain heightened cultural competency and acquire communication and critical thinking skills while exploring a new and exciting part of the world.

## Career opportunities

Graduates are prepared for employment in corporate or governmental organizations or to continue their studies in graduate programs in sociology or social science, or in professional schools. They are able to apply the sociological perspective to a wide variety of jobs in:

- business and management
- the criminal justice system
- government
- health professions
- social services

Coursework in sociology provides graduates with valuable preparation for careers in:

- journalism

- law
- nonprofit sector
- politics
- public administration
- public relations

These are all fields that involve investigative skills and an ability to work with diverse groups.

Graduates with an advanced degree in sociology may become:

- community activists
- community developers
- criminologists
- demographers
- gerontologists
- organizational advocates
- research analysts
- statisticians
- survey researchers
- urban planners

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
<b><u>Behavioral Health Specialist</u></b> ☀	6.6%	\$61,420
<b><u>Counselor (General)</u></b> ☀	17.2%	\$43,390
<b><u>High School Teacher</u></b>	1.0%	\$62,360
<b><u>Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)</u></b> ☀	14.9%	\$56,570
<b><u>Mediator</u></b> ☀	5.0%	\$64,030
<b><u>Probation Officer</u></b>	2.5%	\$59,860
<b><u>Social Services Director</u></b> ☀	9.1%	\$74,240
<b><u>Social Worker</u></b> ☀	5.3%	\$50,820
<b><u>Sociologist</u></b> ☀	4.5%	\$98,590
<b><u>Substance Abuse Social Worker</u></b> ☀	10.6%	\$51,240

\* 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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## Contact information

