Sociology, BA

Do you want to better understand intimate relationships, friendship groups or families? In this research-based program, 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 program in sociology provides training in important research skills used to describe, interpret and evaluate evidence across diverse settings important in the economy.

This is a flexible program that 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 differs from the BS in that it does not require an additional methods course.

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 [WUI], ASU at Lake Havasu

• Additional Program Fee: No
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• Math Intensity: General

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.

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 and 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. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

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 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 communication and critical thinking skills while exploring a new and exciting part of the world. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

Graduates are prepared for employment in corporate or governmental organizations or to continue their studies in graduate programs in sociology, social science or professional schools.

Graduates apply the sociological perspective to a wide variety of jobs in:

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

Coursework in sociology provides a 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 advocate
- research analysts
- statisticians
- survey researchers
- urban planners

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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<th>Career</th>
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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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