Sociology, BS

Do you want to understand intimate relationships, friendship groups or families better? In this research-based program, you 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 BS in sociology program helps students better understand the development, structure, interaction and collective behavior of organized groups. They explore the theories, practices and policies underlying the issues of social change, inequality and diversity. This sociology program provides training in the 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 Science differs from the Bachelor of Arts degree in that it requires 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
Required Courses (Major Map)

[Links to 2022 - 2023 Major Map, Major Map (Archives)]

Concurrent Program Options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a âdouble majorâ) 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.
[Links to Freshman | 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 when studying abroad. Programs with unique cultural experiences can be found in many countries of the world, and students can gain heightened cultural competency and communication and critical thinking skills while exploring a new and exciting part of the globe. 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
- the nonprofit sector

Graduates receive valuable preparation for careers in:

- journalism
- politics
- public administration
• public relations

Graduates with an advanced degree in sociology and who have the investigative skills and ability to work with diverse groups may become:

• community activists
• community developers
• criminologists
• demographers
• gerontologists
• organizational advocates
• 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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* 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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