

Justice Studies, BS

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Do you believe in promoting social, economic and political justice? Are you looking for the tools to create meaningful change in the world? In this program, you'll have the opportunity to conduct quantitative and analytical research that will lead to better understanding of the complexities of social justice.

Program description

The BS program in justice studies is an innovative social science and liberal arts program that examines current and historical social justice issues. Students explore social justice in the context of inequality, race, gender, citizenship, indigeneity or other major contemporary issues.

This program provides a broad approach to understanding justice within the legal system and in wider social contexts. To provide students with the analytical skills required of today's workforce, the Bachelor of Science degree program offers a social science focus and requires students to enroll in a quantitative data analysis course.

In this program, students use multiple research methodologies to understand social justice issues in diverse settings, working with a variety of people and cultures. The skills gained allow students to create real-world change.

In addition to the guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No

- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **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:

[Justice Studies, MS](#)

[Science and Technology Policy, MSTP](#)

[Social and Cultural Pedagogy, 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.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Analyze a current justice issue.
- Explore and analyze key concepts and methodologies in the field.
- Apply principles in justice studies to research activities or community engagement.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Human rights, violence, resource conflict and immigration are some of the issues that every country currently faces in some form or another. One of the best ways students can investigate potential solutions

is by observing patterns from one culture to another through [study abroad](#). Students who study issues of justice in another culture can bring a new lens to their own experience and become positive changemakers in the world.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [specific study abroad programs](#) for students majoring in justice studies.

Career opportunities

Students emerge from this program with knowledge and skills that will allow them to identify and address social justice concerns as they manifest in their professional lives. Program graduates work in a variety of fields, including:

- business
- economics
- education
- human welfare and social work
- international relations
- law
- nongovernmental organizations
- politics
- public service fields
- social advocacy

Many graduates go on to law school, graduate school or other professional degree programs.

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
College Program Director	3.5%	\$99,940
Community Specialist 🌟	6.5%	\$47,290
Detective Sergeant	1.5%	\$86,280
Human Behavior Researcher 🌟	4.8%	\$50,470
Judge	2.2%	\$151,030
Lawyer 🌟	7.5%	\$135,740
Mediator 🌟	5.0%	\$64,030
Political Analyst 🌟	6.6%	\$128,020
Social Sciences Professor	2.6%	\$75,390

Social Services Director 

9.1%

\$74,240

* 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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