

# Politics and the Economy, BS

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Would you like a deeper understanding of political and economic problems in the global context? You can gain a solid foundation in both economics and political science while using quantitative analysis and modeling to learn how you can make a difference in addressing important world issues.


## Program description

The BS program in politics and the economy prepares students for careers that require a sophisticated understanding of the relationship between politics and the economy.

This degree is a response to the growing recognition that many of the world's most pressing problems (e.g., growth and development, tax reforms and climate change) are fundamentally political and economic problems. The program combines core courses in economics and political science. Utilizing the strengths of both the ASU Department of Economics and the School of Politics and Global Studies, students graduate with strong quantitative and modeling skills and a rich understanding of political context.

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](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 210 - Brief Calculus Any math course that meets the MATH designation, except MAT 142 College Mathematics.
- **Math intensity:** Moderate 

## 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:

[Political Science, 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](#)

### Additional requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

## 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 study both politics and economics from others' standpoints while studying abroad. With over [300 programs available](#), study abroad allows students to tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. It can help them explore how other countries and cultures approach their most pressing problems, giving students insights they can then apply in their future careers.

## Career opportunities

According to external forecasters of employment growth (U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. News & World Report), job opportunities for graduates of the politics and the economy degree program are expected to grow as fast as or faster than the average growth of the labor force. These forecasters note that the demand for graduates grounded in economics and political science is driven by the growing complexity of the global economy, the increased implementation of financial regulations in wealthier nations and the growing competitiveness of the business environment.

In terms of specific sectors, graduates are well prepared for entry positions in government at all levels (local, state and federal) and in business, economic and political consulting, and law. They are also prepared to pursue advanced degrees in law, business, economics or political science.

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
<a href="#">Compliance Manager</a>	3.3%	\$128,620
<a href="#">Economist</a> ☀️	6.3%	\$113,940
<a href="#">Environmental Economist</a> ☀️	6.3%	\$113,940
<a href="#">Field Researcher</a>		\$60,410

<b><u>Investment Fund Manager</u></b> ☀	16.0%	\$139,790
<b><u>Lawyer</u></b> ☀	7.5%	\$135,740
<b><u>Market Research Analyst</u></b> ☀	13.4%	\$68,230
<b><u>Political Analyst</u></b> ☀	6.6%	\$128,020
<b><u>Politician</u></b>	3.4%	\$48,090
<b><u>Regulatory Affairs Manager</u></b>	3.3%	\$128,620

\* 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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