Philosophy (Morality, Politics and Law), BA

Accelerated options for this program are not currently available to ASU Online students.

Liberty, equality and justice are the basis of many legal systems. Combining courses of philosophy, law, politics and policy enables you to tackle these topics, and when moral questions arise concerning politics and law, you will be able to explore the answers philosophically.

Program Description

The BA in philosophy with a concentration in morality, politics and law combines the basic analytical approaches of philosophy with an emphasis on the moral questions that arise in political theory and law. The foundations of political and legal systems are moral values, such as individual liberty, equality and justice. These are contested values, open to different understandings of their nature and implications.

Students explore the nature of morality, political theory, legal theory and the interconnections between them. Students complete philosophy courses as well as courses from disciplines related to philosophy to enrich and enliven their understanding of the intersections of morality, politics and law. This degree program is of special interest to students planning to pursue postgraduate work in law, policy or politics.

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

https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees

At a Glance

- College/School: The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Location: Tempe campus or online, ASU Local
• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: Yes
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)
2022 - 2023 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 and master's degree with:

Global Management (Creative Industries and Design Thinking), MGM
Global Management (Digital Audience Strategy), MGM
Global Management (Global Affairs), MGM
Global Management (Global Business), MGM
Global Management (Global Development and Innovation), MGM
Global Management (Global Digital Transformation), MGM
Global Management (Global Entrepreneurship), MGM
Global Management (Global Health Care Delivery), MGM
Global Management (Global Legal Studies), MGM
Global Management (Nonprofit Leadership and Management), MGM
Global Management (Public Administration), MGM
Global Management (Public Policy), MGM
Global Management (Sustainability Solutions), MGM
Global Management (Sustainable Tourism), MGM
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.

- [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](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) 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 description and request more information [here](#).

**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. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local [here](#).

### 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](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

### 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:

- Present and defend a philosophical view about a specific sub-topic in philosophy using concepts, technical terminology, and methods acquired in an advanced topical seminar as well as skills in logical analysis and civil and respectful argumentation.
- Evaluate how well different normative ethical theories such as consequentialism, deontology, virtue theory, provide moral standards that dictate which (if any) actions are right and wrong.
- Evaluate different approaches to constitutional interpretation and their application to actual case law.
- Apply the concept of formal validity and the rules of deductive inference to evaluate the deductive validity of prose arguments and to construct formalized proofs in symbolic logic.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Students can explore the diverse range of cultures and philosophies around the globe. With over 250 unique programs, students can tailor their study abroad experience to their interests and skill sets. Study abroad programs help students gain valuable skills such as problem-solving, communication, adaptability and cultural competency, skills that enhance their resumes. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in philosophy with a concentration in morality, politics and law: [https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/shprs/philosophy](https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/shprs/philosophy).

Career Opportunities

Graduates are prepared for career opportunities in law, policymaking and analysis, politics and intelligence work. For example, graduates may find employment with the U.S. Department of State, the Central Intelligence Agency or the United States Department of Justice. The program is excellent preparation for law school.

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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