

Sociology, BS

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Are you interested in the study of social interaction and social structures? Gain valuable insight into the underlying institutions that guide human social behavior by learning about culture, relationships and social issues. With these skills, you'll be prepared to understand and serve people and communities.


Program description

Sociology is the study of social life, social change and the social causes and consequences of human behavior.

The BS program in sociology offers courses on contemporary social phenomena such as crime, population trends and technology, as well as on the exploration of social institutions such as family, health, sports, law and the workplace. Students develop proficiency in written communication, statistical analysis and research methodology, and gain computer skills.

In addition to reviewing 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.

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:

- Identify and apply key sociological concepts and theoretical frameworks critical to understanding social institutions and structural inequality
- Identify global and cross-cultural variations in social phenomena and points of intersectionality in social institutions and processes.
- Demonstrate the ability to be a capable consumer and critical evaluator of quantitative/qualitative research and information

Global opportunities

Global experience

Students explore different cultures and social dynamics when [studying abroad](#) and develop in-demand professional skills such as teamwork and problem-solving. Students can stay on track academically while earning ASU credit over winter or spring break trips. Among the opportunities available are homestays, which enable students to make connections with families in other countries.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in sociology.

Career opportunities

An undergraduate degree in sociology prepares students for direct entry into positions in:

- business
- government
- social service

The degree also provides excellent preparation for future graduate and postbaccalaureate studies in:

- health care
- law
- social work and counseling
- sociological research

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
<u>Advocate</u> ☀	8.6%	\$38,520
<u>Human Behavior Researcher</u> ☀	4.8%	\$50,470
<u>Human Resources Specialist (HR Specialist)</u> ☀	5.9%	\$64,240
<u>Mental Health Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Paralegal</u>	4.2%	\$59,200
<u>Probation Officer</u>	2.5%	\$59,860
<u>Rehabilitation Counselor</u>	1.9%	\$39,990
<u>Social Services Director</u> ☀	9.1%	\$74,240
<u>Social Worker</u> ☀	5.3%	\$50,820
<u>Sociologist</u> ☀	4.5%	\$98,590

* 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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