

Interdisciplinary Studies, BA

LSBISBIS

Become a [master interdisciplinary](#). Prepare for the future you envision by integrating two concentration areas you are passionate about.

Program description

The Arizona State University BA program in interdisciplinary studies, one of the top five in the country, offers students the freedom to select two areas of study, referred to as concentration areas, from a rich menu of more than 170 options. Students may [explore concentration areas by interest area](#).


The core curriculum provides students with the intellectual tools to integrate their concentration areas, engage in transdisciplinary problem-solving, and prepare for careers and graduate programs that increasingly cross disciplinary boundaries. An interdisciplinary studies student could choose to integrate concentrations like business and project management, psychology and social welfare, communication and justice studies, public administration and ethics, digital culture and computer gaming, or many other distinct combinations.

Interdisciplinary studies is an approach to answering questions, solving problems and addressing contemporary social issues from multiple perspectives. Interdisciplinary studies students take an active role in designing their educational plans and defining their career goals. The degree program emphasizes written communication, versatility, self-assessment and critical thinking --- essential skills for today's dynamic world.

Those interested in the online program for interdisciplinary studies may visit the ASU Online website for more information.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: Polytechnic 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

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#), [Polytechnic WUE](#), [Tempe](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
or any math course that meets the MATH designation
- **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 choose a 3-year path while participating in the same high-quality educational experience of a 4-year option. Students can opt to fast-track their studies after acceptance into a participating program by connecting with their academic advisor. Fast track options appear at the top of the major map.

This program also 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:

[Liberal Studies, MLSt](#)

[Organizational Leadership, MS](#)

[Project Management, MPM](#)

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

There are no additional requirements for current ASU students to change majors into this program; however, students interested in the interdisciplinary studies major are highly encouraged to meet with an advisor.

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.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Studying and interning abroad can be one of the most valuable tools for interdisciplinary studies students. [Study abroad programs](#) provide students the opportunity to develop a valuable intercultural communication skill set that can give them an advantage in a future-focused workforce.

The College of Integrative Sciences and Arts recommends [these study abroad programs](#) for students majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

Career opportunities

The flexibility of the interdisciplinary studies program allows graduates to take many exciting career paths after leaving ASU. While some complete graduate or professional degrees, others immediately enter the job market. For example, one graduate combined business and communication and now owns a small business; another integrated sociology and family studies to further a career in law enforcement; another studied philosophy and economics to prepare for law school; another combined biology and chemistry in preparation to pursue a master of pharmacy degree; and yet another studied Spanish and religious studies and now works as an employee trainer for a major company.

Possible career opportunities include:

- archivist or curator
- climate change analyst
- compliance manager
- computer network support specialist
- editor or web developer
- environmental restoration planner
- general and operations manager
- regulatory affairs manager
- higher education professional
- wholesale and retail buyer (except farm products)

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
Corporate Trainer 🌟	6.3%	\$63,080
Designer (General)	3.1%	\$65,390
Event Planner 🌟	7.5%	\$52,560
Human Resources Manager 🌟	5.2%	\$130,000

<u>Marketing Manager</u> ☀	6.6%	\$140,040
<u>Public Relations Specialist</u> ☀	6.1%	\$67,440
<u>Real Estate Agent</u>	3.2%	\$49,980
<u>Sales Manager</u>	4.0%	\$130,600
<u>Social Services Director</u> ☀	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).

☀ Bright Outlook

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

Contact information

[School of Applied Sciences and Arts](#) | SANCA 233
CISA@asu.edu | 480-727-1526