General Studies, BA

LSGNSBGS

If you have diverse interests, consider this highly flexible program that allows you to choose from themes related to society and the individual. This active military- and veteran-friendly program is also a great option if you want to maximize transfer credits or existing credits.

Program Description

The BA program in general studies offers students a flexible, innovative path to degree completion. Graduates of the program are informed and effective members of society who are well prepared for a changing global marketplace with its diverse cultures.

The theme of this degree is professional preparedness and integrating the needs of society and the individual. Students explore the tensions between individualism and collectivism, the public and private selves, service and community, domestic and global, and the interplay of culture and identity constructions.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** [College of Integrative Sciences and Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#), [Polytechnic](#), [ASU at Lake Havasu](#)
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics OR any math course that meets the MA designation
- **Math Intensity:** General
Required Courses (Major Map)

2023 - 2024 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:

Global Management, MGM

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated masterâs 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 college, everyoneâs 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**

With over 300 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire global skills and knowledge in preparation for a future-focused career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs.

**Career Opportunities**

Those who have majored in general studies have the option of working in almost any field that requires effective interaction with others, fields as diverse as sales, social services, organizational management, and government administration. Graduates are equipped with transferable skills highly desired by many employers; therefore, a wide array of job choices are available. The bachelor's degree creates great flexibility in career choice because of the versatility within the program.

Graduates may choose occupations for which their cluster prepares them, including:

- administrative services manager
- curator
- medical and health service
- military and veteran's services
- property, real estate and community association managers
- public relations specialist
- purchasing manager
- real estate sales agent
- sales manager
- writer and author

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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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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