Integrative Social Science, BS

Traverse traditional intellectual boundaries and immerse yourself in theories and skill sets relevant to success in many fields. You will cultivate an approach to social analysis that might otherwise escape students in traditional, siloed social science programs.

Program description

The BS program in integrative social science uses cross-education to prepare students in the disciplines of the social sciences to meet the complex issues that confront today's society. Modern social problems require a combination of policies, sociological interventions and economic infrastructure planning.

Theories from multiple social science disciplines provide the basis for effective decision-making and problem-solving. The emphasis of the program is the integration of theories and methodologies. In order to sharpen their skills for practical problem-solving, students need to understand how different disciplines develop solutions.

Graduates of the program are prepared with theory and research skill sets that allow them to draw from the best of multiple disciplines in the social sciences as they confront a technically sophisticated world.

At a glance

- **College/School:** College of Integrative Sciences and Arts
- **Location:** Polytechnic
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics Any math course that meets the MATH designation.
- **Math intensity:** General
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:

Integrative Social Science, MS

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.

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
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 are able to enhance their understanding of societal structure and human interaction through unique cultural experiences found by studying abroad. They gain heightened cultural competency, communication and critical thinking skills while exploring a new and exciting part of the world.

## Career opportunities

Because of their mastery of the multiple methodologies of the social sciences, graduates of the program have many more professional opportunities available to them than their peers with single-discipline training.

Professionals with expertise in analyzing complex social and global issues are in high demand across sectors and industries, including business, public administration, politics and community organizations. Those who possess skills in the analysis of social phenomena and complex social problems are valuable to businesses and institutions relying on data-driven strategies for engagement and growth.

Career examples include:

- administrator
- government agent
- public relation specialist
- social and community service manager
- social science research analyst
- social scientist
- solutions resource specialist

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.

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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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