Community Development, BA

ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Please explore Degree Search for other similar program options.

Do you want to make a difference? Prepare for a meaningful career of social importance. The concepts, methods, tools and techniques you learn here will prepare you to help make transformative improvements in your community and in the world.

Program Description

The BA program in community development equips students with tools to collaborate with, empower and educate diverse community constituents by drawing on grassroots and inclusive frameworks such as sustainable development, social and environmental justice, participatory democracy, social and economic equity and social accounting.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: Downtown Phoenix 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:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix WUE
- **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
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 in:

- Community Resources and Development (Parks and Recreation Management), MS
- Community Resources and Development (Sustainable Communities), MS
- Community Resources and Development (Tourism), MS
- Community Resources and Development, 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.
First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, 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
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 a global perspective 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

This degree serves students seeking to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation as well as those wanting to pursue graduate study.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that employment for social and community service managers is projected to grow at a 17% rate. Graduates can be expected to pursue employment in community service-oriented careers in the public, private or civil and nonprofit sectors. These may include public relations and fundraising management, social and human service, community recreation, urban and regional planning, social purpose real estate and property development, community health, or serving as community and social service specialists.

In addition to broad employment opportunities, graduates can pursue advanced studies in areas such as nonprofit management, community resources and development, sustainable tourism, social work or public affairs, as well as in criminology and criminal justice.

### Contact Information