Community Development, BA

Do you want to make a difference? Prepare for a meaningful career of social importance. Whether you want to work immediately upon graduation or pursue further study, the concepts, methods, tools and techniques you learn here will prepare you to "build back better" 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 Solut
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus [WUE](#) or [Online](#)
- **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 and master's degree with:

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. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
With over 250 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 21st century 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.
https://goglobal.asu.edu/

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.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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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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