As someone who embraces justice, you can gain an in-depth understanding of practices, policies and key issues related to modern policing. The knowledge you develop through this degree specialization can lead to better employment opportunities in local, state and federal law enforcement.

**Program Description**

The concentration in policing in the BS program in criminology and criminal justice provides students with knowledge on policing strategies, police management, police accountability, crime analysis and procedural criminal law.

Students completing the concentration have a better understanding of how police organizations operate and are led; effective strategies for reducing crime, building trust and increasing accountability; improving police-citizen community relations (especially in communities of color); how the Constitution protects the rights of individuals in interactions with law enforcement; and techniques for analysis and mapping of crime and other police data.

After finishing the concentration in policing, students are better prepared for future employment in law enforcement and to contribute to the future of policing in the United States.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solution](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix, West or Online, ASU Local](#)
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
• **Second Language Requirement:** No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics  
  Or MAT 117 College Algebra  
• **Math Intensity:** General

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

2023 - 2024 Major Map (On-campus)  
2023 - 2024 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 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:

- Crime Analysis, MS

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 minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 is required to change into this program.
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**

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 their 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.

The Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions recommends [these programs](#) for students majoring in criminology and criminal justice.

**Career Opportunities**
Career opportunities for graduates of the policing program include work:

- at the local level in sworn positions in police departments and sheriff's offices
- at the state level in trooper and investigator roles in state agencies
- at the federal level in agent and officer positions in federal law enforcement agencies
- in crime and intelligence analysis
- in private security

Graduates of the criminology and criminal justice program with a concentration in policing can also continue to graduate studies in criminology, related fields or law school.

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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