

Public Service and Public Policy (American Indian Studies), BS

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ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Interested students should apply to the [Public Service and Public Policy BS](#) program.

Are you passionate about exploring how government and policy affect your community and the lives of others? Are you especially interested in policies and institutions designed to improve the lives of Indigenous people? This curriculum prepares you for high-demand careers in tribal, local, state and federal governments.

Program description

The American Indian studies concentration within the BS program in public service and public policy provides students with specialized knowledge about the policy implications of American Indian-related decisions and actions. This concentration focuses on the latest policy implications and research impacting Indigenous communities in the United States.



The Bachelor of Science program in public service and public policy includes comprehensive coverage of topics in public policy, public leadership and management. Applications and examples encompass a wide variety of policy topics and management approaches.

This program examines the public sector and addresses the challenges facing the public in a practical way. It is distinct because it enables students to study public service, policy and administration with a focus on professional preparation for a career. The major is also well-suited to students interested in pursuing further education in law, public administration, public policy and other graduate pursuits focused on public affairs and the common good.

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](#) 
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **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](#)

[Public Administration \(Emergency Management\), MPA](#)

[Public Administration \(Nonprofit Administration\), MPA](#)

[Public Administration \(Public Finance\), MPA](#)

[Public Administration \(Urban Management\), MPA](#)

[Public Administration, MPA](#)

[Public Policy \(Environmental Policy\), MPP](#)

[Public Policy \(Policy Informatics\), MPP](#)

[Public Policy \(Science and Technology Policy\), MPP](#)

[Public Policy, MPP](#)

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 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

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

Students can apply a global lens to their studies by learning how American Indians view the world and by learning about current issues and tribal governance of Indigenous peoples around the world.

Participation in study abroad programs increases students' ability to work with diverse groups of people. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, any of the more than 300 available [Global Education programs](#) provide an opportunity for students to develop a valuable skill set that can give them an advantage in their career and personal enrichment. Students are encouraged to build communication skills that span intercultural boundaries, are challenged to adapt and persevere, and are exposed to differences they can't always read about in textbooks.

Career opportunities

The program is primarily focused on providing individuals with the knowledge and skills required for entry- and midlevel supervisory and managerial positions in the public sector, such as city, county, state and federal agencies, though they would function successfully in many other types of organizations as well. Graduates are prepared for work in nonprofit organizations and in the private sector at the interface of public affairs and private enterprise. For those who already have work experience, the degree provides further opportunity for promotion.

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