Are you passionate about exploring how government and policy affect your community or the lives of others? In downtown Phoenix, the heart of Arizona's government, you'll gain an excellent foundation in public policy while you enjoy internship opportunities that build expertise for high-demand careers in the public sector.

**Program Description**

The American Indian studies concentration within the BS program in public service and public policy focuses on the latest policy implications and research impacting Indigenous communities throughout the United States. Students acquire specialized knowledge related to decisions and actions pertaining to American Indians.

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](#)
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
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:

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

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

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
Studying abroad can provide students with hands-on experience and skills for their future careers through internships in nonprofits around the world. Students can intern abroad during summer break or during a semester while taking courses in locations such as South America and Asia. Students can apply a global lens to their studies of how American Indians view the world and learn about current issues and tribal governance of Indigenous peoples worldwide. More information on available programs can be found on the Global Education website: https://goglobal.asu.edu/.

Career Opportunities

The program is primarily focused on providing students with the knowledge and skills required for entry- and mid-level supervisory and managerial positions in the public sector, such as city, county, state and federal agencies, though students would function successfully in many other types of organizations as well. For those who already have work experience, the degree provides further opportunity for promotion.

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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