

Public Service and Public Policy, BS

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With your interest in how government and policy affect your community, you can prepare yourself for a high-demand career in which you can impact the lives of others. This program is located in downtown Phoenix, near city, county and state government.

Program description

The BS program in public service and public policy provides comprehensive coverage of topics in public policy, leadership and management.



Students learn how to lead and influence change via public organizations and the policy process. They also gain foundational knowledge about democracy, economics and the role of government in society. The program is distinct because it balances theoretical knowledge and a professional focus.

Students can select one of the following concentration areas to supplement their core courses. Concentrations must be applied to separately: American Indian studies, business, criminology, emergency management and homeland security, health policy, law and policy, nonprofit leadership and management, parks and recreation management, science and technology policy, social services delivery or sustainability.

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](#)  or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 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:

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Biosecurity and Threat Management\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Community Resilience\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Cybersecurity Policy and Management\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Emergency Management\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security \(Homeland Security\), MA](#)

[Emergency Management and Homeland Security, MA](#)

[Program Evaluation and Data Analytics, MS](#)

[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. 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

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

Students in the public service and public policy program work to create policies that advance the public interest. When studying abroad, students gain a better understanding of how government functions at various levels around the world and an understanding of which public policies are beneficial to society and which policies need to be improved upon. Students increase their knowledge and experiential base through study abroad programs to bring about positive change in their own communities.

More information on available programs can be found on the [Global Education website](#).

Career opportunities

Graduates possess the knowledge and skills to transform government and policy in positions at all levels in city, county, state and federal agencies --- entry, midlevel supervisory and managerial. They 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.

The public service sector offers sustainable, exciting and fulfilling career options. Graduates are empowered to use knowledge of the public sector as a catalyst to change the world. By understanding the challenges facing government and being well-versed in the development of multiple useful and realistic solutions, graduates contribute to the development of local, national and global communities.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
Advocate 🌟	8.6%	\$38,520
Community Specialist 🌟	6.5%	\$47,290
General Manager (GM) 🌟	4.2%	\$98,100
Government Programs Specialist	2.2%	\$49,230
Human Behavior Researcher 🌟	4.8%	\$50,470
Human Resources Specialist (HR Specialist) 🌟	5.9%	\$64,240

<u>Paralegal Assistant</u>	0.2%	\$62,340
<u>Political Analyst</u> 	6.6%	\$128,020
<u>Politician</u>	3.4%	\$48,090
<u>Urban Planner</u>	3.7%	\$79,540

* 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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