Public Service and Public Policy, BS

Are you passionate about exploring how government and policy affects your community and the world? Gain a foundation in public policy and public service through coursework and an internship. Both will build your expertise for careers in the public sector.

Program Description

The BS program in public service and public policy prepares students for work in government at all levels and in nonprofit organizations through comprehensive coverage of topics in public policy, public leadership and management, and urban studies.

Students discover the challenges of management and learn how to lead a public organization and understand the process of policy development. This program examines the public sector and addresses, in a practical way, the challenges facing the public. The program is unique because it enables students to study public service, policy and administration with a professional focus.

Students select one of the following concentrations areas to supplement their core courses: American Indian studies, business, criminology, emergency management, health policy, law and policy, nonprofit leadership and management, parks and recreation management, public leadership and management, science and technology, social services delivery, sustainability, or urban and metropolitan studies.

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 Solutions
• **Location:** Downtown Phoenix campus **VLE** or Online, ASU Local

• **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
• **Second Language Requirement:** No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• **Math Intensity:** General

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

- [2022 - 2023 Major Map (On-campus)](#)
- [2022 - 2023 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 and master's degree with:

- 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 (Urban Policy), MPP
- Public 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.
[Links: 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](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) 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 description and request more information [here](https://changemAJOR.apsu.edu).

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. Those interested may learn more about ASU Local [here](https://changemAJOR.apsu.edu).

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](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/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](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

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 understanding of which public policies used are beneficial to society.
and which policies need to be improved upon. Students increase their knowledge and experiential base through study abroad, to bring about positive change in their own communities. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

## Career Opportunities

This degree program provides students with the knowledge and skills to transform government and policy in positions at all levels in city, county, state and federal agencies --- entry, mid-level supervisory, and managerial. 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.

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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