

# Public Service and Public Policy (Criminology), BS

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Are you interested in the management of the justice system? Are you eager to explore how policy and government affect the lives of others? This degree program, located in downtown Phoenix, features a curriculum that can prepare you for high-demand careers in public safety and justice administration.

## Program description

The School of Public Affairs offers a concentration in criminology as part of the BS in public service and public policy, providing students with more specialized knowledge about the policy implications of criminology-related decisions and actions.

This program introduces students to the foundations of criminal justice and criminology and enhances it with training on how to lead, manage and influence change in the public sector.

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

- **Math intensity:** General 

## Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 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:

[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](#)

[Global Management, MGM](#)

[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](#)

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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.

## 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 seeking in-depth knowledge of the public sector related to agencies that work with criminal justice systems in various capacities can benefit from [studying abroad](#). Students can observe how public policies in other countries directly impact policing and criminality, thus showing the concepts they have learned through a distinct cultural lens.

## Career opportunities

Criminology continues to be a highly sought-after area, but many of the career pathways involve working in or around government. The program is primarily focused on individuals interested in or working in the public sector. The skills and knowledge graduates possess will allow them to successfully function in many types of organizations, though the primary focus is on public organizations.

A bachelor's degree in public service and public policy is preparation for entry- and midlevel supervisory and managerial positions in city, county, state and federal agencies. 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.

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
<u><a href="#">CEO</a></u>		\$189,520
<u><a href="#">Correctional Officer</a></u>		\$49,610
<u><a href="#">Corrections Sergeant</a></u>		\$63,310
<u><a href="#">Criminal Justice Professor</a></u>	2.7%	\$64,990
<u><a href="#">General Manager (GM)</a></u> ☀	4.2%	\$98,100
<u><a href="#">Government Programs Specialist</a></u>	2.2%	\$49,230
<u><a href="#">Police Sergeant/Detective</a></u>	3.1%	\$96,290
<u><a href="#">Political Analyst</a></u> ☀	6.6%	\$128,020
<u><a href="#">Politician</a></u>	3.4%	\$48,090
<u><a href="#">Social Services Director</a></u> ☀	9.1%	\$74,240

\* 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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