Are you interested in the management of the justice system and 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.

Criminology continues to be a highly sought-after area and it presents broad policy implications for future public sector professionals. This program introduces students to the fundamental foundations in criminal justice and criminology by preparing them to think critically, contribute to society and enhance public safety.

The BS 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, in a practical way, the challenges facing the public. It is unique 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 Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **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
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 college, 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 [study abroad](#). Students can observe how public policies used in other countries directly impact policing and criminality, showing students the concepts they have learned through a unique cultural lens.
Career Opportunities

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 mid-level 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.

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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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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