Public Service and Public Policy (Emergency Management and Homeland Security), BS

Are you passionate about exploring how government and policy affect your community? Gain an excellent foundation in public policy while you enjoy internship opportunities that build the expertise you'll need in a high-demand career in the public sector. This program is located in downtown Phoenix, near city, county and state governments.

**Program Description**

The School of Public Affairs offers a concentration in emergency management and homeland security as part of the BS in public service and public policy.

This concentration program provides students with the skills and knowledge to manage and assume positions of leadership within the field of emergency management and homeland security. Concepts of public policy and management are blended with emergency management principles to enhance and foster critical thinking within the general field of study. More specifically, the program's focus provides the student with a comprehensive perspective, which is critically important for emerging leaders in disaster management.

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 **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:

- 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, MA
- Public Administration (Emergency Management), MPA
- Public Administration (Nonprofit Administration), MPA
- Public Administration (Public Finance), MPA
- Public Administration, MPA
- Public Policy (Environmental Policy), MPP
Public Policy (Policy Informatics), MPP  
Public Policy (Science and Technology 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. 
[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

**Change of Major Requirements**

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") 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](#).

**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](#).

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

Global Experience
Understanding how different governments around the world manage disasters can provide insight in bringing solutions to students’ own communities. Study abroad programs can help students gain real-world knowledge and experience in how governments function at varying levels in a community. Students' resumes are enhanced with the heightened cultural competency and the leadership and critical thinking skills they acquire through study abroad. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](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 they would successfully function in many other types of organizations as well. For those who already have work experience, the degree provides further opportunity for promotion. In addition, the program prepares students for future graduate study in law, public policy and public administration.

Retiring baby boomers, along with increasing demand for public services, has resulted in an increase in job opportunities for graduates in the public sector. The federal government is the nation's largest employer with nearly two million people employed across the country, and nearly 85% of those jobs exist outside the Washington, D.C. area. The federal government is anticipated to hire tens of thousands of new employees for mission-critical positions in the next few years. Students with preparation in academic areas related to public service will have an advantage in that market.

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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Social Services Director 17.0% $69,600

* 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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