

Public Service and Public Policy (Law and Policy), BS

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Are you interested in how law and policy work together to improve our lives? This curriculum readies you for a high-demand career in public policy and is excellent preparation for those interested in law school.


Program description

The School of Public Affairs offers a concentration in law and policy as part of the BS in public service and public policy.

Through this concentration, students gain foundational knowledge about the law and its relationship to society. They also acquire the skills necessary for positively impacting communities via the law, public organizations and the policy process.

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](#)

[Public 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.

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 legal systems in various capacities can benefit from [study abroad programs](#). When studying abroad, students gain a better understanding of how governments function and intertwine with the law around the world, and they view the policy implications of different approaches to law worldwide.

Career opportunities

The program is primarily designed for individuals who work in the public sector or are interested in doing so. The skills and knowledge students acquire allow them to successfully function in many other types of organizations; however the primary focus is on public organizations.

This program prepares students for entry- and midlevel supervisory and managerial positions in city, county, state and federal agencies; for work in nonprofit organizations; and for work 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. In addition, the program prepares students for future graduate study in law, public policy and public administration, and for pursuits focused on public affairs and the common good.

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>CEO</u>		\$189,520
<u>Community Specialist</u> ☀	6.5%	\$47,290
<u>Distribution Center Manager</u> ☀	8.2%	\$98,560
<u>General Manager (GM)</u> ☀	4.2%	\$98,100
<u>Law Clerk</u>	2.3%	\$57,490
<u>Paralegal Assistant</u>	0.2%	\$62,340
<u>Political Analyst</u> ☀	6.6%	\$128,020
<u>Politician</u>	3.4%	\$48,090
<u>Social Services Director</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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