

Public Service and Public Policy (Sustainability), BS

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Are you interested in the environmental health of the planet and its citizens? Explore how government and policy affect the world around us through a curriculum that prepares you for a high-demand career working on solutions to environmental policy and management problems.

Program description



Sustainability continues to be a highly sought-after area, and it presents broad policy implications. Through this concentration, students explore the challenges of sustainability and the development of solutions to pressing issues at local and global levels.

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 the challenges facing the public in a practical way. It distinctly 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 graduate education in law, public administration, public policy and other areas 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 Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) 
- **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:

[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 for current ASU students to change into this major.

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

With more than 300 [Global Education program opportunities](#) available, public service and public policy students are able to tailor their experience to their specific interests and skill sets. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S., or online, students build communication skills, learn to adapt and persevere, and are exposed to research and internships across the world, increasing their professional network.

Career opportunities

The degree in public service and public policy is primarily for individuals working or seeking work in the public sector. The skills and knowledge graduates acquire allow them to successfully function in many other types of organizations, though the principal focus is on public organizations.

Graduates are prepared for entry- and midlevel supervisory and managerial positions in city, county, state and federal agencies, and 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>Advocate</u> ☀ | 8.6% | \$38,520 |
| <u>Agricultural Manager</u> | | \$75,760 |
| <u>CEO</u> | | \$189,520 |
| <u>Community Specialist</u> ☀ | 6.5% | \$47,290 |
| <u>Compliance Manager</u> | 3.3% | \$128,620 |
| <u>Distribution Center Manager</u> ☀ | 8.2% | \$98,560 |
| <u>General Manager (GM)</u> ☀ | 4.2% | \$98,100 |
| <u>Government Programs Specialist</u> | 2.2% | \$49,230 |
| <u>Social Services Director</u> ☀ | 9.1% | \$74,240 |
| <u>Wind Energy Project Manager</u> | 3.3% | \$128,620 |

* 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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