

Public Service and Public Policy (Social Services Delivery), BS

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Are you committed to ensuring people have access to effective social service programs? Are you eager to learn how government policies can improve the process? This curriculum prepares you for a high-demand career in a variety of organizations, with particular focus on social services.

Program description



Social services delivery is a fundamental building block of government affairs. Through this concentration, students explore the foundation and practices of social services, along with how social services can be designed, delivered and evaluated at local, state and federal levels.

The core 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 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:

[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 focused primarily on providing graduates with the knowledge and skills required for entry- and midlevel 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. 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. In addition, this program acts as preparation for future graduate study in law, public policy and public administration.

The number of people retiring paired with the 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 and social services delivery will have an advantage in that market.

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>Budget Analyst</u>	3.3%	\$82,260
<u>CEO</u>		\$189,520
<u>Community Specialist</u> ☀️	6.5%	\$47,290
<u>Counselor (General)</u> ☀️	17.2%	\$43,390
<u>Distribution Center Manager</u> ☀️	8.2%	\$98,560
<u>General Manager (GM)</u> ☀️	4.2%	\$98,100
<u>Human Resources Manager</u> ☀️	5.2%	\$130,000
<u>Labor Relations Specialist</u>		\$82,010
<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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