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

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

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 WUE
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
Required Courses (Major Map)

2022 - 2023 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 and 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
- 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 is required for current ASU students to change into this major. Students should refer to https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (programs vary in length, from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students who wish to acquire global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and they may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

**Career Opportunities**

The BS program in public service and public policy is focused primarily 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 and an increasing demand for public services have 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.
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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* 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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