

Social Work, BSW

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Are you passionate about helping individuals, families, groups and communities with a variety of challenges? If so, the nationally accredited, top-ranked social work school at ASU is for you. Gain an excellent foundation in the classroom and opportunities for real-life practice that will prepare you for a rewarding career.

Program description

The curriculum for this undergraduate program leads to a BSW degree.

Students focus on social work courses in social policy and services, human behavior in the social environment, social work practice, research and field instruction in community agencies. In addition, majors take elective courses in related areas.

Students interested in completing the Bachelor of Social Work program in Tucson are encouraged to complete a [MyPath2ASU® program](#). The Tucson location option is only available to transfer students.

Format option

This program is also offered via ASU Sync, specifically for students with transfer credit or those who already hold an associate degree. ASU Sync enables students to attend live classes remotely via Zoom. Classes are designed to foster active collaboration and discussion in real time with faculty and peers.

The program features ASU Sync courses at the upper-division level --- courses numbered from 300 to 499 that are designed primarily for juniors and seniors. It is ideal for transfer students who wish to complete their Bachelor of Social Work degree with live interactions without coming to campus. Prerequisites and other restrictions should be noted before class registration.

Students on I-20 visas are not permitted to complete courses via Sync and should speak with an advisor about other options to complete this program.

Students seeking to use GI Bill® benefits for ASU Sync programs should contact the Pat Tillman Veterans Center regarding certain limitations.


GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. More information about education benefits offered by VA is available on the official U.S. government website at www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.

This major is eligible for the Western Undergraduate Exchange program at the following location: West Valley 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](#).

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](#).

This major is eligible for the [Western Undergraduate Exchange program](#) at the following location: ASU at Tucson.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) [WUE](#), [West Valley](#) [WUE](#), [ASU Sync](#), [ASU at Tucson](#) [WUE](#) or [Online](#), [ASU Local](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map \(on-campus\)](#)

[2024 - 2025 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.

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Additional requirements:

The ASU Sync option is available only to transfer students or those with an associate degree. Students on I-20 visas are not allowed to complete courses via Sync.

Transfer admission requirements:

The MyPath2ASU pathway allows Arizona transfer students to complete a prescribed sequence of courses that meet the requirements for the community college's AA degree along with the lower-division requirements for the ASU major.

Students should visit [Admission Services](#) for more information about ASU degrees offered at local community colleges.

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 enter this program.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) 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's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

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.

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.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Plan, implement and evaluate evidence-based interventions
- Advocate for advanced human rights, social and economic justice
- Apply professional case management intervention skills when working with individuals, families, groups and communities

Global opportunities

Global experience

When participating in a study abroad program, students examine social work through an international lens as it relates to community-building, service organizations, support for disenfranchised people and human rights advocacy.

Cross-cultural understanding is one of the main learning outcomes of study abroad programs and is also one of the most important skills of those moving into social work careers. Students are able to use the knowledge and skills learned in the program and the unique intercultural focus gained from study abroad to enhance their career.

Information on available programs can be found on the [Global Education Office](#) website.

Career opportunities

Graduates are prepared to be generalist social work practitioners who focus on advocacy, referrals, case management and problem-solving functions with individuals, groups, families, organizations and the community.

Employment in social work is expected to increase commensurately with the needs of a growing and diverse population. Social workers are employed in public and private agencies and deal with a wide variety of social issues, including:

- adoption and teen pregnancy
- aging
- child abuse and foster care
- corrections and delinquency
- disability
- discrimination
- domestic violence and family dysfunction
- health and mental health
- homelessness and poverty
- substance abuse

Social work skills such as problem-solving, resource utilization, counseling, group work and community organization are also useful for employee relations and mediation positions in industry.

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>Addictions Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Behavioral Health Specialist</u> ☀	6.6%	\$61,420
<u>Counselor (General)</u> ☀	17.2%	\$43,390
<u>Human Behavior Researcher</u> ☀	4.8%	\$50,470
<u>Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT)</u> ☀	14.9%	\$56,570
<u>Medical Social Worker</u> ☀	9.6%	\$60,280
<u>Mental Health Counselor</u> ☀	18.4%	\$49,710
<u>Social Services Director</u> ☀	9.1%	\$74,240
<u>Social Worker</u> ☀	5.3%	\$50,820
<u>Substance Abuse Social Worker</u> ☀	10.6%	\$51,240

* 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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Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational

requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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