Tourism Development and Management, BS

When you become a tourism professional who understands how the bigger pieces of tourism fit together, you can affect change and improve tourism for communities, economies and the environment.

Program Description

Through the BS program in tourism development and management, students acquire the planning, management and leadership skills related to the growth and development of tourism throughout the world.

The curriculum takes full advantage of its strong connections with the professional tourism community in Phoenix. The required internship component of the program allows students to gain practical experiences leading to professional positions in various travel, tourism and related fields. Students are exposed to the practices of heritage tourism, sustainable tourism, resort management, and meeting and convention planning.

While pursuing the bachelor’s degree in tourism development and management, a student also may choose to complete a certificate in convention sales and meeting planning. Additionally, students have the opportunity to participate in a study abroad 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.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix
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:

- Community Resources and Development (Sustainable Communities), MS
- Community Resources and Development (Tourism), MS
- Community Resources and Development, MS
- Sustainable Tourism, MAS

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 current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

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
Future tourism professionals need to develop an understanding of how and why people travel to destinations around the world and need to know how to share the local environment with visitors. Through study abroad, students gain valuable immersive experience in the various subsets of tourism development and management around the world, including in Europe, Latin America, Oceania, Asia and Africa. https://goglobal.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

Graduates are ready for successful careers in the rapidly expanding travel and tourism industry, the largest industry in the world and the second largest in Arizona. Based upon interests, graduates can seek work across a wide variety of occupations in the public, nonprofit or private and commercial sectors, in such diverse settings as resorts, meeting planning, convention and visitor bureaus, tour operations and commercial recreation businesses. In such settings, graduates design, develop and manage services that address the needs of a particular clientele.

The metropolitan Phoenix area is a major hub of tourism in the southwestern U.S. and has experienced rapid growth in:

- air transportation
- business and corporate travel
- gaming and casinos
- meetings and conventions
- resorts and hotels
- sports tourism
- state and national parks

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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