



Arizona State University (West Valley Campus)

Political Science, BS

Study details

Course type: Bachelor's degree

Degree: Political Science, BS ASPOLBS

Study mode: Full time

Duration: 48 Month

Cost of study

Cost : 35 430 USD

Reg. fee : 85 USD

Scholarship :

Insurance : 2 765 USD

Intake/s

Jan/May/Aug

Requirements

Academic requirements

First-year students must:

- Have a 3.00 grade point average (GPA) (a "B" or better where "A"=4.00) from a secondary school. Some ASU programs may have higher admission or English proficiency requirements and may consider a minimum ACT or SAT score.
- Must have three years of high school coursework. (If you are currently in high school, ASU needs to see 9–11 grade coursework. If you have completed high school, ASU needs to see 10–12 grade coursework.)
- Must have and present a completed high school diploma or certificate.

Conditional admission

ASU may offer conditional undergraduate admission to international applicants to an on-campus program who meet the academic (aptitude) requirements but who are not proficient in English. This offer of conditional admission will give you time to improve your English proficiency before you start classes at ASU. Your conditional admission offer is good for up to three semesters, during which time you must meet one of these requirements to begin your ASU experience.

Competency requirements

International students who completed high school outside the U.S. are required to meet the following competency requirements:

- Math: four years (algebra I, geometry, algebra II and one course requiring algebra II as a prerequisite).

- Laboratory science: three years total (one year each from any of the following areas are accepted: biology, chemistry, earth science, integrated sciences and physics).

Provide evidence of English language proficiency (TOEFL 61)

Accommodation

Provided by partner agencies

Additional information

Program description

Political science is the study of governmental practices, politics and theories. Coursework in the political science program covers American institutions, international relations, political theory and world affairs.

This program helps students gain a basic understanding of the assumptions underlying political science and develop the research skills necessary to analyze complex sociopolitical issues. In addition to coursework, students learn through internships, service-learning and research opportunities.

The BS requires a quantitative methods course, and the BA requires a qualitative methods course. 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.

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:

- Communication Studies, MA
- Global Management, MGM
- Interdisciplinary Studies, MA
- Social Justice and Human Rights, MA

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.

Global opportunities

Global experience

Students can experience firsthand, through study abroad, the diverse political and social powers that affect communities around the globe. Students in political science can enhance their learning by gaining a global perspective on political theory and world affairs.

With more than 300 programs available to them, students can tailor their experience to their unique interests and skill sets. Programs exist in diverse countries, such as those ruled by communist and monarchical regimes.

Career opportunities

The political science curriculum provides a solid background for employment in a relevant profession. The program serves as a good precursor to staff, manager or policy analyst positions in local, state and federal governments. This degree is recognized as qualification for many careers in business (for-profit and nonprofit) and industry. Work may include binational, cross-border positions linking U.S. and Mexican businesses, Arizona-Sonora local governments or local community groups on both sides of the border.

Many students use the degree as a gateway to law school or other professional schools or as a basis for graduate study in such applied fields as:

- community development
- public administration
- public policy
- political science
- social sciences
- urban affairs
- urban and regional planning