



Arizona State University (West Valley Campus)

Social and Behavioral Sciences, BA

Study details

Course type: Bachelor's degree

Degree: Social and Behavioral Sciences, BA ASSBSBA

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

The BA degree program in social and behavioral sciences provides students with an understanding of assumptions underlying the social and behavioral sciences, enabling them to develop the research skills necessary for the analysis of complex social issues. This program can be tailored to the career goals of the individual student, and it offers individual and group experiences working with faculty on concrete intellectual and policy issues.

The core courses provide students with the requisite background that enables them to better understand psychological and social principles related to the behavior of individuals across multiple social contexts and institutions.

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

Exploring social and behavioral sciences on a global scale can be beneficial to students in providing understanding of assumptions made about individuals and society. Students who study abroad can develop research skills from firsthand experiences inside and outside the classroom, and use these skills to analyze complex social issues that affect them and those around them, domestically and internationally.

Career opportunities

This interdisciplinary degree is an excellent option, meshing with the individual's interests and fulfilling many employers' expectations of a bachelor's degree by exposing the student to a variety of outlooks and challenges. Such a degree is competitive in most situations in which the disciplinary social and behavioral degrees are accepted, and it is advantageous when seeking entry to broad professional programs such as regional planning or urban studies.

Graduates of this program have a solid background in social sciences and methodologies that prepares them for graduate work in community development, counseling, criminal justice, professional schools (e.g., law, public administration, social work), public policy, social science disciplines, and urban studies or planning.

Careers include:

- advocate (e.g., immigration, children's, victim's)
- community developer
- human relations officer
- lawyer
- lobbyist
- mediator
- nonprofit manager
- social services case worker
- statistical analyst
- urban planner