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# ASU West

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ASU West, a community-focused metropolitan campus of Arizona State University located in Phoenix, serves the community and more than 7,100 residential and commuter students of diverse ages, ethnicity, and experience through 29 baccalaureate programs, nine master's programs, and eight certificate programs. ASU West focuses on developing a learning community that addresses the needs of a diverse metropolitan environment. ASU West does this by offering learner-centered academic programs that enhance learning through teaching, service, and enrichment opportunities; promoting discovery and innovation; pursuing new knowledge; introducing insights and creative ideas through instruction; encouraging direct involvement in new fields of inquiry; investigating important community-based issues; and integrating with the community through service.

ASU West's vision is to enhance the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic qualities of a diverse, urban environment through research and creative activity and to provide access to a quality liberal arts education for undergraduates, professional programs grounded in the liberal arts, and an array of graduate programs. To fulfill this vision, the university offers liberal arts and professional programs, engages in discovering and advancing knowledge, and teaches diverse students in a student-centered, interdisciplinary learning environment as the community-focused metropolitan campus of ASU.

ASU West's commitment to integrated learning extends to Las Casas, an apartment-style, living-learning-based housing facility. Las Casas features faculty and academic advisors who live in the residence, faculty mentors, courses taught on site at the community center, and student affinity groups focusing on topics such as global awareness, leadership, and the arts.

Faculty and staff are dedicated to serving the evolving needs of high school graduates, working adults, and returning and continuing students. Expanding campus facilities and programs, along with a diverse student body, faculty, and staff, contribute to a culturally rich academic and social campus environment.

ASU West offers many on-campus services and facilities, including a multimedia resource library, state-of-the-art computer classrooms and labs, housing facilities, tutoring services, bookstore, cafeteria, credit union, fitness center, recreational facilities, child care, and post office, plus many student activities, clubs, and organizations. ASU West facilities are completely accessible for those with disabilities, with academic services provided by a disability resource center. Classes are offered in the day and evening, as well as on weekends, and via television and the Internet.

The architecture and courtyards at ASU West are modeled on those of the University of Oxford in Great Britain,

enhanced by a beautifully landscaped natural environment featuring widely acclaimed public art. The campus occupies approximately 300 square acres between 43rd and 51st Avenues on West Thunderbird Road in Phoenix, easily accessed from Interstate 17 and Loop 101.

## ACCREDITATION

ASU West is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association. For more information, call 312/263-0456, access the Web site at [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org), or write

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION  
30 N LASALLE ST  
SUITE 2400  
CHICAGO IL 60602-2504

Professional programs in various academic areas are also accredited.

The Business and Accountancy degree programs in the School of Management are accredited by AACSB International—The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The Accountancy program is also an Endorsed Internal Auditing Program by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

In the College of Human Services, the Department of Recreation and Tourism Management is accredited by the National Recreation and Park Association/American Association for Leisure and Recreation Council on Accreditation, and the Bachelor in Social Work and Master of Social Work programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). See the "Academic Accreditation at ASU West" table, page 479.

## ACADEMIC ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The provost provides executive leadership for the continuing development and management of the campus and reports to the executive vice president and provost of ASU. The provost is aided in the administration of the campus by vice provosts, deans, directors, department chairs, faculty, and other officers. There are four schools and colleges at ASU West administered by deans. These academic units develop and implement the teaching, research, and service programs of the institution, aided by the ASU West Library and other services.

The faculty and students of the institution play an important role in campus governance, with the Academic Senate, Associated Students of ASU West, and numerous cross-campus and joint ASU West-ASU Main-ASU East committees serving the needs of a rapidly growing institution.

## ASU West Graduate Degrees and Majors

Major	Degree	Concentration*	Administered By
Business Administration	M.B.A.	—	School of Management
Communication Studies	M.A.	—	Department of Communication Studies
Criminal Justice	M.A.	—	Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Educational Administration and Supervision	M.Ed.	—	Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development
Elementary Education	M.Ed.	Optional: bilingual education, educational technology, ESL education, or reading*	Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development
Interdisciplinary Studies	M.A.	—	College of Arts and Sciences
Secondary Education	M.Ed.	Optional: educational technology*	Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development
Social Work	M.S.W.	Advanced generalist practice	Department of Social Work
Special Education	M.Ed.	Infants and young children	Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development

\* If a major offers concentrations, one must be selected unless noted as *optional*.

See “ASU West Faculty and Academic Professionals,” page 461, and “ASU West Administrative Personnel,” page 467.

## ADMISSION

### Degree-Seeking Students

Any student admitted to ASU may take courses at ASU West. To be admitted to an ASU West degree program, the student must meet university admission requirements and the specific admission requirements of the ASU West program. A student who is admitted to an ASU West degree program is defined as an ASU West student.

For more information on applying to ASU West graduate degree programs, see the current *ASU West Catalog* or *ASU West Schedule of Classes*. For applications and admission information, call 602/543-4567, access the Web site at [westcgi.west.asu.edu/acadaffairs/gradstudies](http://westcgi.west.asu.edu/acadaffairs/gradstudies), or write

GRADUATE STUDIES  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY WEST  
PO BOX 37100  
PHOENIX AZ 85069-7100

### Change of Major from ASU Main to ASU West

Currently enrolled ASU Main degree-seeking students who want to relocate to an ASU West degree program should contact Admissions Services at ASU West for the appropriate procedures. Acceptance to an ASU West degree program requires the student to meet the prerequisites for entry to the student’s choice of major as stated in the appropriate catalog. Students should be aware that requirements may differ between ASU West and ASU Main for the same major.

**Application of Course Credit.** The application of transfer course credit to the degree program is determined by the department of the student’s major. Because of these constraints, students should seek advice from the appropriate

advisor for their major before registering for classes at another university or ASU campus.

## DEGREE PROGRAMS

See the “ASU West Graduate Degrees and Majors” table, on this page.

The College of Education offers postbaccalaureate programs for teacher certification in elementary education and secondary education. Students who complete the approved program, including student teaching, are recommended for certification to the Arizona Department of Education.

For more information on ASU West degree requirements, see the *ASU West Catalog* in print or on the Web at [westcgi.west.asu.edu/acadaffairs/curriculum/catalog.cfm](http://westcgi.west.asu.edu/acadaffairs/curriculum/catalog.cfm).

### Certificates

ASU West offers postbaccalaureate certificates in Accountancy, Professional Accountancy, and Communication and Human Relations.

**Gerontology.** The ASU Gerontology program is a university-wide multidisciplinary program with its administrative home at ASU West. The graduate Certificate in Gerontology is designed so that students from ASU Main, West, and East may take related course work on any of the three campuses. For program details, see “Gerontology,” page 232.

### Course Information

For information on ASU West course offerings, see the current *ASU West Schedule of Classes*. For ASU West course descriptions see the *ASU West Catalog* or [westcgi.west.asu.edu/acadaffairs/curriculum/catalog.cfm](http://westcgi.west.asu.edu/acadaffairs/curriculum/catalog.cfm).

## LIBRARY SERVICES

The ASU West Library provides resources that support the curricula of ASU West with a collection of 325,000 volumes, 1.4 million microforms, 8,780 videos, 15,000 slides, 240 electronic databases, and full or partial access to more than 27,000 print and electronic titles. Approximately 95

percent of electronic databases are available to ASU registered users from home computers.

A wide range of information and research tools are available through the ASU West Library Web site at [www.west.asu.edu/library](http://www.west.asu.edu/library). Knowledgeable staff members are available to provide reference service and instruction in the use of the library's considerable resources. Individual consultations with subject specialist librarians are available by appointment. The Library Instruction Program provides introduction to the tools and resources available for research in academic disciplines, including Internet resources.

For library hours and information, call 602/543-8501.

### STUDENT AFFAIRS

Student Affairs is responsible for the delivery of a variety of services and developmental programs to a diverse student population. These services support both the administrative needs and educational pursuits of students and include

1. admission and enrollment services,
2. career services and personal counseling,
3. disability support services,
4. financial aid,
5. testing services,
6. multicultural student services,
7. recruitment and outreach,
8. registration services,
9. residential life,
10. student employment,
11. student health services,
12. student life, and
13. veterans services.

For more information, visit the University Center Building, access the Web site at [www.west.asu.edu/sa](http://www.west.asu.edu/sa), call 602/543-8152, or write

STUDENT AFFAIRS  
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY WEST  
PO BOX 37100  
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### STUDENT HOUSING

A new 400-bed student housing facility opened at ASU West in August 2003. The facility features two three-story buildings of apartment-style residential units with full kitchens, laundry facilities, a community hall with multipurpose rooms and a computer lab, a swimming pool, and convenient parking. Amenities include tutoring services, academic advising, in-room Internet access, coordinated educational and social activities, and dining services close by on campus. The expense to residents is competitive with the rental costs of nearby apartment complexes. For more information, call 602/543-CASA.



ASU West campus with the University Center Building and Faculty and Administration Building in the foreground

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