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# West Campus

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The West campus, a community-focused metropolitan campus of Arizona State University located in Phoenix, serves the community and more than 7,300 residential and commuter students of diverse ages, ethnic backgrounds, and experiences through 30 baccalaureate programs, nine master's programs, and eight certificate programs. The West campus focuses on developing a learning community that addresses the needs of a dynamic metropolitan environment. It 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. The vision of the West campus is to enhance the intellectual, social, cultural, and economic qualities of its 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.

The West campus 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.

The West campus offers many on-campus services and facilities, all fully accessible for those with disabilities. These include a multimedia resource library, state-of-the-art computer classrooms and labs, housing facilities, tutoring services, a disability resource center, bookstore, cafeteria, credit union, fitness center, recreational facilities, child care, and post office, plus many student activities, clubs, and organizations. Classes are offered days, evenings, weekends, and via television and the Internet.

The West 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. Its architecture and courtyards are modeled on those of the University of Oxford in England, enhanced by a beautifully landscaped natural environment featuring widely acclaimed public art.

## ACCREDITATION

The West campus 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 Global Management and Leadership 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 of Social Work and Master of Social Work programs are accredited by the Council on Social Work Education.

See the “Academic Accreditation at West Campus” table, page 527.

## 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 the West campus administered by deans. These academic units develop and implement the teaching, research, and service programs of the institution, aided by the Fletcher 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 the West Campus, and numerous cross-campus and joint West campus–Tempe campus–East campus committees serving the needs of a rapidly growing institution.

See “West Campus Faculty and Academic Professionals,” page 509, and “West Campus Administrative Personnel,” page 516.

## West Campus Graduate Degrees and Majors

Major	Degree	Concentration*	Administered By
Business Administration	MBA	—	School of Global Management and Leadership
Communication Studies	MA	—	Department of Communication Studies
Criminal Justice	MA	—	Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology
Educational Administration and Supervision	MEd	—	Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development
Elementary Education	MEd	Optional: bilingual education, educational technology, ESL education, or reading*	Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development
Interdisciplinary Studies	MA	Optional: gerontology*	New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences
Secondary Education	MEd	Optional: educational technology*	Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development
Social Work	MSW	Advanced generalist practice	Department of Social Work
Special Education	MEd	Infants and young children	Department of Graduate Studies and Professional Development

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

## ADMISSION

### Degree-Seeking Students

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

For more information on applying to West campus graduate degree programs, see “Graduate Studies at West Campus,” page 477. 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  
PO BOX 37100  
PHOENIX AZ 85069-7100

**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 “West Campus Graduate Degrees and Majors” table, on this page.

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

For more information on West campus degree requirements, see the specific college and program descriptions.

### Certificates

The West campus 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 the West campus. The graduate Certificate in Gerontology is designed so that students may take related course work on any of the three ASU campuses. For program details, see “Gerontology,” page 491.

### Course Information

For information on course offerings, see the current *Schedule of Classes*.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

The Fletcher Library provides resources that support the curricula of the West campus with a collection of 331,000 volumes, 1.4 million microforms, 9,600 videos, and 15,000 slides. As participants in the shared resources environment of ASU, users can access more than 74,000 print and e-journals, and nearly four million monographic 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 Fletcher Library Web site at [library.west.asu.edu](http://library.west.asu.edu). 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.

## WEST CAMPUS



The area's pleasant climate affords university groups, such as this West campus Women's Studies class, the opportunity to meet outdoors.

Tim Trumble photo

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. 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

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### STUDENT HOUSING

A new 400-bed student housing facility opened at the West campus in August 2003: Las Casas. 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.