ASU West

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Arizona State University West, a vital component of ASU’s multicampus structure, serves nearly 7,000 students on its growing campus in northwest Phoenix. The four-year urban campus features a friendly, supportive atmosphere in the context of a nationally acclaimed, PAC-10 University. Courses at ASU West lead to 29 bachelor’s degrees, nine master’s degrees, and eight professional certificates through the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, and Human Services; the School of Management; and the Division of Collaborative Programs.

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’s mission encompasses research and teaching, faculty-student research collaboration, interdisciplinary perspectives, and the development of university-community partnerships. Academic programs, classes, and student services are innovative and provide students with a high-quality education.

ASU West prides itself on serving the diverse needs of students who balance academics with the multiple demands of work and family through convenient scheduling of small classes. Courses at ASU West lead to 29 bachelor’s degrees, nine master’s degrees, and eight professional certificates. Academic programs are linked directly to community needs, providing relevant, applied learning opportunities, such as internships. The campus mission balances teaching and research, faculty-student collaboration, interdisciplinary perspectives, and many thriving university-community partnerships. The faculty and staff share a deep commitment to learner-centered education.

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, 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 program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The Master in Social Work program is currently in candidacy for accreditation by the CSWE. Full accreditation is anticipated in 2003. See the “Academic Accreditation at ASU West” table, page 471.

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.

See “ASU West Faculty and Academic Professionals,” page 454, and “ASU West Administrative Personnel,” page 460.
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, visit the Web site at www.west.asu.edu/graduate, 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 the Graduate Studies Office 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

Refer to 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 www.west.asu.edu/acadaffairs/catalog.

Certificates

ASU West offers a graduate certificate in Gerontology and postbaccalaureate certificates in Accountancy, Professional Accountancy, and Communication and Human Relations. For more information, refer to the individual department or college descriptions in the ASU West Catalog.

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 www.west.asu.edu/acadaffairs/catalog.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The ASU West Library provides resources that support the curricula of ASU West with a collection of 315,000 volumes, 1.4 million microforms, 7,500 videos, 15,000 slides, 277 electronic databases, and nearly 6,000 serial titles, including more than 4,000 electronic full-text journals. Approximately 47 percent of electronic databases are available to ASU registered users from home computers.

A wide range of information and research tools—most accessible from off-campus—are available through the ASU West Library Web site at 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. admissions information and 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. student employment,
10. student health services,
11. student life, and
12. veterans services.

For more information, visit the University Center Building, access the Web site at www.west.asu.edu/sa, call 602/543-8203, or write:

STUDENT AFFAIRS
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY WEST
PO BOX 37100
PHOENIX AZ 85069-7100

STUDENT HOUSING

A new 400-bed student housing facility is scheduled to open at ASU West in August 2003. The project 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 will include tutoring services, academic advising, in-room Internet access, coordinated educational and social activities, and dining services close to campus. The expense to residents will be competitive with the rental costs of nearby apartment complexes. For more information, call 602/543-CASA.