Graduates of Arizona State University are not only educated in their chosen field of study; they are also prepared with skills that enable them to become thoughtful, critical thinkers capable of learning anything.

During their time at ASU, students are empowered to think big, collaborate across disciplines, and strive to make a positive impact on the world. ASU’s presence in Washington, D.C. provides opportunities and experiences that broaden students’ understanding of national and international issues through interactions with thought leaders and policy makers in our nation’s capital. In addition to opportunities for current and recent ASU students, ASU also offers individual continuing-education courses for learners at any stage of life and leadership training programs for mid- to senior-level career professionals.

Academy for Innovative Higher Education Leadership
The Academy for Innovative Higher Education Leadership, a partnership between ASU and Georgetown University, is the premier training ground for those who aspire to senior leadership positions in higher education and those who want to lead organizational change at colleges and universities in the future. The nine-month, design-based program focuses on bringing ideas to practice; linking theory to relevant applications; and scaling innovations in teaching and learning, leadership, finance and technology that can transform higher education institutions today and in the future.

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ASU Online

ASU Online provides access, without constraints, to the educational opportunities of a world-class research university and its faculty. The result is a community of students, learning from across the globe, who are an integral part of the New American University. Students connect online with the full ASU experience: interaction with internationally recognized faculty, access to collections from ASU’s eight award-winning libraries, an alumni network tens of thousands of members strong, and membership in a community of thousands of students pursuing their degrees.

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Business and Public Policy Residency Program
The Business and Public Policy Residency program in Washington, D.C., is a week-long opportunity for graduate and MBA students in ASU’s W. P. Carey School of Business. The program is designed to enrich students’ understanding of the public policy process, with a focus on those policy issues that are most likely to impact business outcomes, as well as the strategies that busy corporate executives can utilize to ethically and effectively share information and influence public-policy outcomes.

**Capital Scholars Program**

The ASU Capital Scholars program develops future leaders by providing undergraduate students with hands-on training in the public policymaking process in Washington, D.C. Each year since 1998, ASU has provided an opportunity for up to 25 undergraduate students to spend a summer in Washington, D.C., interning with Congress, federal agencies, advocacy groups, the media, nonprofit organizations, think tanks and policy research groups. Interns also participate in activities organized just for them, including tours, career panels, cultural events and lectures. The primary goal of the Capital Scholars program is to help students develop leadership skills that will enable them to be successful in their career, active in the community and involved in policymaking.
ASU Continuing Education offers curious individuals, focused working adults and inquisitive retirees alike the opportunity to expand their horizons and improve themselves by participating in noncredit courses, workshops and certificate programs. Whether seeking a professional certificate, enrichment opportunities or corporate training, ASU Continuing Education helps individuals achieve their personal and professional goals by means of accessible, high-quality and challenging courses.

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Cronkite News Washington Bureau

Cronkite News in Washington, D.C., is an intensive professional reporting experience for advanced Cronkite students in the journalism degree program. Graduate and top undergraduate students work from ASU’s Washington center in the Dupont Circle area of D.C., covering public policy issues in Congress, the White House and in federal agencies that affect Arizona. Student reporters and producers generate breaking and investigative stories and packages that appear in print and online client news outlets across the state. Cronkite News in D.C. began operations in summer 2011, instantly becoming the largest Arizona-based news-gathering operation in the nation's capital.
DC Legal Externship Program

ASU’s Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law offers a unique program for second- and third-year law students who seek legal experience with a federal agency or nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C. The Legal Externship Program helps students acquire expertise in important legal areas, develop an informed insider perspective on policy developments on Capitol Hill and in federal agencies, and foster relationships and experiences that are invaluable assets to new attorneys when they enter a legal practice anywhere in the world.

Learn more

Executive Master of Public Administration Program
Coming soon. Ranked No. 16 in the nation by *US News and World Report*, the ASU School of Public Affairs is designing its Master of Public Administration program for public service leaders. This program will be jointly administered by the [McCain Institute for International Leadership](https://www.asu.edu/mccaininstitute). The 18-month, hybrid program will feature a mix of short in-person courses held on location in Washington D.C. and Phoenix, Arizona and online courses.

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**Futurography**

Futurography combines the storytelling techniques of journalism and the instructive capacity of a massive open online course, or MOOC, in an effort to educate readers about the technologies that will define tomorrow. Futuregraphy
focused on a new technology, providing a citizen's guide to how it might shape the future.

Learn more about these Futurography topics:

geoengineering, algorithms, cyberwar, artificial intelligence, drones, self-driving cars, nanotechnology, ownership, internet governance, Frankenstein, cybersecurity, space exploration and synthetic biology.

Futurography was created by Future Tense – a partnership between Arizona State University, New America and Slate magazine that explores emerging technologies and their transformative effects on society and public policy.

Intern Housing in Washington, D.C

Washington Intern Student Housing

Washington Intern Student Housing’s (WISH) Woodley Park center is ASU’s preferred housing for Sun Devils interning, living and working for a semester in Washington, D.C. Located in the Northwest district of Washington, D.C., WISH Woodley Park center offers interns fully furnished housing just blocks from the Metro, in a neighborhood with restaurants, cafes and drugstores.

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Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders
Led by the College of Public Service and Community Solutions, ASU annually hosts 25 accomplished young professionals for a six-week civic leadership institute. The program is oriented to young leaders from sub-Saharan Africa who serve the public through non-governmental organizations, community-based nonprofits or volunteerism.

President Obama launched the Young African Leaders Initiative in 2010. Through this initiative, emerging leaders are gaining the skills and connections they need to accelerate their own career trajectories and contribute more robustly to strengthening democratic institutions, spurring economic growth and enhancing the peace and security in Africa.

McCain Institute for International Leadership Internship Program
Each semester and during the summer, the McCain Institute for International Leadership gives students and recent graduates the opportunity to gain work experience, research global issues, and explore ideas and policy surrounding national security, human freedom and democracy. Through the unpaid internship program, the institute actively promotes leadership and decision-making amongst interns and encourages young leaders to be inquisitive, open to spirited discussion with staff and faculty, and actively involved in the daily operations of a dynamic policy institute.

Learn more

Next Generation Leaders Program

Each year, the McCain Institute for International Leadership selects up to 20 emerging leaders to be a part of its Next
Generation Leaders Program. They are individuals from around the world, from every walk of life, who have demonstrated extraordinary character, commitment to core human values, and capacity for future leadership. Those selected are offered a unique program that blends professional development, exposure to top-level policymakers, and formal training in leadership and communications. Participants build reserves of personal capital and support networks that will last a lifetime.

Learn more

Policy, Science, Technology & Society Scholars Program

Open to sophomore and junior undergraduate women, minorities, and persons with disabilities, this National Science Foundation-funded program is offered to select students across 11 universities. During the year-and-a-half-long program, students learn about the many academic and professional career possibilities in science & technology studies and science policy—the realm where science and society intersect—and get support to help them set and achieve educational and career goals.

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Rule of Law and Governance Program
The Rule of Law and Governance Program, a joint effort between ASU Law and the McCain Institute for International Leadership, teaches students about the development of rule of law and good governance in transitional and post-conflict states. Led by Distinguished Professor of Practice Ambassador Clint Williamson, this training prepares graduates for international development and policy jobs in the public and private sectors. Topics include institution-building, transitional justice mechanisms, judicial and prosecutorial capacity building, and business aspects involved with international development projects, among others.

School of Social and Behavioral Sciences' Washington Internships
ASU's School of Social and Behavioral Sciences partners with the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars, an independent nonprofit in Washington, D.C., to offer semester-long internships with a wide variety of hosting sites in the nation's capital. The program has placed ASU students in life-changing internships with organizations such as The Smithsonian, Department of Defense, Department of Education, Federal Marshal Program, Interpol, the Peace Corps, Georgetown Law Center, lobbying and law firms, as well as other nonprofit and advocacy groups.

Science Outside the Lab

Science Outside the Lab is a policy immersion program for graduate students presented by the Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes. The program explores the relationships among science, policy and societal outcomes in a place where many important decisions about these things are made—Washington, D.C. During the two-week summer workshop, students meet and interact with the people who fund, regulate, shape, critique, publicize and study science.

Washington Policy Design Studio
The Washington Policy Design Studio is the research and teaching arm of the McCain Institute for International Leadership. Employing the extensive foreign and security policy leadership experience of the institute staff, along with cutting-edge teaching technology such as ASU's unique Decision Theater, students and faculty collaborate in practical, hands-on foreign affairs experiences and problem-solving exercises. A part of the McCain Institute's mission, the Policy Design Studio focuses on concrete outcomes and solutions for real-world international challenges. Students help define the problems, seek solutions and articulate policy recommendations.