



# Public, Social and Human Services

Sun Devils are agents of change, and seek to enrich the lives of people around the world through service, policymaking and philanthropy. Each year, thousands of Sun Devils participate in thought-provoking and service-oriented programs like Devils in Disguise, Changemaker Days of Service, Changemaker Challenge and Ignite@ASU. Along with these programs, ASU has a myriad of degree programs that prepare students to make lasting impacts on their communities and in the lives of others. They analyze body language in politicians, lead human rights campaigns, hold hackathons to spark new ideas to address social inequality and dream of becoming SWAT team members.

## Tips for success

### Embrace diversity

These jobs often require a lot of interaction with highly diverse populations including different social, ethnic, educational and political views, as well as other varying groups of people.

### Consider pursuing a graduate degree

A graduate degree will help you take advantage of the highest paying opportunities, as well as the roles with the most leadership and responsibility.

### Know the application process

Start early! Securing a position in a government agency involves a rigorous application and interview process that can take up to a year. Having your fingerprint clearance card ahead of time can help when

### Uphold the law

A misdemeanor or felony on your record can disqualify you from many government positions. To ensure you have a chance at employment, keep your record clean.

## Possible career fields

Advocacy  
Attorney  
Community Engagement  
Counseling/Mental Health  
Education  
Fundraising/Development  
Global Health  
Grant Writing  
Health Policy  
Homeland Security  
Humanitarian  
Intelligence/Counterterrorism  
International Development  
International Relations  
Law Enforcement/Justice  
Lobbying  
Local, State & Federal Government  
National/ International Service  
Outdoor Recreation/Education  
Paralegal  
Political Campaigns  
Public Policy  
Social Work  
Volunteer Management

## Professional associations

There are several local and national professional associations connected to this career field. Joining a professional association will help you network with professionals already in your field of interest, as well as expose you to new opportunities you may not have considered. Some are free to join and others may offer student rates to become a member.

- **American Mental Health Counselors Association**
- **Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education**
- **International Association of Emergency Managers**
- **National Association for Law Placement**
- **National Association of Social Workers**
- **National Organization for Human Services**
- **The Tourism Society**

## Student organizations at ASU

Student organizations are another great way to get connected with fellow students with similar interests. Many student clubs bring potential employers to speak at meetings, host career-related events, and offer professional development opportunities. Check [Sun Devil Sync](#) for more information on joining student organizations.

- **American Red Cross Club of ASU**
- **Devils Pitching In**
- **International Service Devils**
- **Law Society for Human Rights**
- **Local to Global Justice**
- **Make Your Impact Club**
- **Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Student Association**
- **Pre-Law Society**
- **Sun Devil Mock Trial**
- **Undergraduate Student Government**

## Next steps

Try searching for internships on [Handshake](#) or volunteer opportunities with [VolunteerMatch](#).

## Develop emotional stability

Because these roles often require interfacing with people who are enduring a time of personal crisis, it is important to feel emotionally balanced and respond appropriately and dependably in highly stressful situations. Developing a good self-care routine now, can help you maintain your emotional stability later.

