

SSFD GRADUATE STUDENTS



**HANDBOOK
TO
HAPPINESS**

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the School of Social and Family Dynamics (SSFD)! As a new student in our school you probably have a lot of questions, from where the library is, to which restaurants have the best happy hour specials. When we were new students at ASU, we had these same questions, and we weren't sure where to look to find the answers. After our first year here, we thought about what we wish we could have known before starting at ASU, and put together this guide to pass on some information and to help with your transition to both Tempe and ASU.

A couple of words about what lies within. We took the *Graduate Student Survival Guide* (located at: <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/Documents/resources/gsurvivalguide2005.pdf>) written by the Graduate Professional Student Association and revised it, adding both general and school specific information, including a checklist of things to do once you get to campus. Some of this will be more relevant before you move to Tempe, and the rest will be more helpful once you start school. Hopefully, this guide can serve as a directory of resources throughout your years in SSFD.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact any of our graduate students (see website), Laura Hanish, Director of Graduate Studies (Laura.Hanish@asu.edu) for the program in Family and Human Development, or Cecilia Menjivar, Director of Graduate Studies (menjivar@asu.edu) for the program in Sociology.

Good luck in your transition, and we'll see you on campus in August!

GRADUATE STUDENTS AND THE DIVISION OF GRADUATE STUDIES

During your years of graduate study at ASU, you will have many opportunities to get involved with other graduate students on campus. There are great opportunities for getting involved on campus, but if you see something missing, organize it! In the past, students have created reading groups for different fields, cross-disciplinary work and publication groups, dissertation/thesis support groups and comprehensive exam study groups. Students can now communicate more easily by signing up with the GRADSTU mail discussion list. In fact, whether in small groups or as a university, we are working to open new lines of communication and cooperation. Below are a few of the main student associations you should know about, as well as some information about the Division of Graduate Studies.

Associated Students of Arizona State University (ASASU): <http://asasu.net>

This is the undergraduate student government, located on the third floor of the MU building.

Although most graduate students only become aware of it during campus elections, ASASU does provide some useful services for all students. Some of them, such as the Bike Co-op and the Safety Escort Service, are listed in **Campus Resources**. Other programs, such as the Community Service Program; the College Student Councils, which link each ASU college with the ASASU Senate; and the Government Relations Office, which promotes student interests to local, state, and national governments, can also be found through the ASASU.

Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA): <http://www.asu.edu/gpsa>

GPSA serves graduate students by awarding research grants, participating in orientations, presenting films, and sponsoring speakers, lectures, and workshops. Basically, GPSA is your full-service student government. You may also want to sign up for the GPSA listserv:

<http://lists.asu.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=gradstu&A=1> . This is an outstanding way to get information about GPSA events, travel and research money as well as student issues.

The Division of Graduate Studies: <http://www.asu.edu/graduate>

The Division of Graduate Studies houses a number of important offices. If you need general information about policies, procedures, requirements, financial aid and support services, contact the Advising Office. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. They don't do tuition waivers any longer! The Division also publishes e-communicate, a newsletter of funding opportunities, and prints a variety of informational fliers on how to find money and succeed in graduate school. You will find these in the center lobby of Wilson Hall, along with two helpful secretaries and a rack full of important forms. A partial list of the most relevant ones includes the FAFSA, the Format Approval Form, the Application for Authorization to Schedule a Defense (MA), the Dissertation Defense Recommendation Form, and the Survey of Earned Doctorates.

ORIENTATION

The **ASURITE User ID** is used to access various services at ASU, including MyASU, ASUinteractive, and Blackboard (see below). This first thing you should do before coming to campus is to activate your ASURITE User ID. To activate your User ID, go to: <https://author1.asu.edu/cgi-bin/WebObjects/APSelfSub>. If you have more questions about ASURITE, go to: <http://www.asu.edu/it/asurite/>

MyASU (www.myasu.edu) will be one of the most important resources you will use during your time at ASU. You will use this system to sign up for classes, manage your financial aid, pay your student account, access Blackboard (see below), access your ASU email, and much more. For an overview of how to use MyASU go to: <http://www.asu.edu/it/portalhelp/courses/student.html>

Blackboard is an online course management system utilized by professors, TA's, and students to communicate about courses that you are currently taking. This includes posting announcements, grades, powerpoint slides, handouts, and readings. You can access Blackboard through **MyASU**. For an overview, go to: <http://www.asu.edu/it/portalhelp/courses/student.html>

Advising and Classes: You should register for your classes sometime in early August. Contact Laura Hanish, Director of Graduate Studies (Laura.Hanish@asu.edu) for the program in Family and Human Development, or Cecilia Menjivar, Director of Graduate Studies (menjivar@asu.edu) for the program in Sociology, about what classes are required for your first year.

Funding: Although all of us have some kind of funding, where that funding comes from differs for each student. Some students are funded through a project grant, some through teaching assistantships, some through Cowden fellowships, and some through outside fellowships. Some students are funded through more than one of these sources. More information about funding can be found on the SSFD website.

You should know how you are funded, because that affects how often you get paid. For instance, some students receive one lump sum at the beginning of the semester, but some are paid bi-weekly, monthly, etc. Always check your first couple of paychecks to make sure they are the amount they

should be, because if you are accidentally overpaid, you will have to return the funds. Also, you can set-up direct deposit on-line through ASU Interactive at MyASU. W2 forms need to be filled out if you are paid by ASU. To do so, go to the University Services Building, 1551 S. Rural Road.

Orientation Meetings: A few days before the first day of classes, you will need to attend orientation meetings. One meeting will be to get acquainted with SSFD and your program. If your funding involves you being a teaching assistant, you will have to attend a TA Orientation, which is a college-wide meeting. You will receive more information about this before school starts, but plan on arriving to Tempe at least a week before the semester begins so that you will be able to attend the meetings.

Graduate Student Mentors: You will be teamed with a seasoned SSFD graduate student who will act as a contact person to answer any questions you may have during your first year. Since the first year is quite a learning experience, having at least one person you can comfortably rely on will be very helpful. However, most students will be able to answer questions you have, and you can rely on all the graduate students to help you out. You will have the opportunity to meet your graduate student mentor at the beginning of the semester.

Email: You will be prompted to set up your email account after you have registered your ASUREITE ID number. You will be assigned a “gmail” account. If you prefer an Outlook account, you can be “sponsored” by a faculty or staff for this. Go to the computing commons, ask for a form to get an outlook account. Ask the faculty or staff member to fill out the form, etc. Computing services will then send you an email to you about how to set it up.

Health Insurance: Student health insurance is typically covered by your funding, which means that you only have to worry about paying for copays for office visits (\$10), and any prescriptions you have. You can enroll when you register for classes on-line and at the campus Student Health Center located on Palm Walk near University. You must re-enroll each semester. To sign up for Health Insurance, you must check the box when registering for classes that says “I wish to purchase Student Health Insurance.” This will be taken care of one way or another (either they will deduct it from your check before issuing you your check or they will include the money in your check and you must pay it from that extra money). There is a pharmacy in the same building where you have

appointments, so it's convenient to get your medications that you need. When you need a refill, just stop by the pharmacy, and they store all the refill information in the computer, and your medication will be ready in 10-15 minutes. The health center offers all the typical services of a college campus: regular checkup visits, urgent care, etc. For more information about Health Services, go to:

<http://www.asu.edu/studentaffairs/health/>

Keys: To get keys to any buildings, you will need to go through Jon in the front office in Cowden (Room 106). As a graduate student in SSFD, you will receive keys to access Cowden and the GSC. You may be issued keys to other rooms according to your placement as a graduate assistant (e.g., your professor's lab rooms, your personal work space). Talk to your advisor, professor and/or project director about keys that you will need.

Student ID (ASU Sun Card) The official university ID card, known as the Sun Card, is obtained at the Sun Card Office in the Memorial Union. You must present a photo ID to get your Sun Card; your ID will be processed immediately. More details about receiving optional services through the Sun Card are available at the Sun Card Office. Graduate teaching and research assistants/associates also receive temporary staff IDs from their department that entitle them to a 10 percent discount at the ASU Bookstore and to extended borrowing privileges at university libraries. Your ID is also useful at many retail and food outlets around the valley, where they may give you a student discount of sometimes up to 20% percent off. Additionally, with a student ID, you always get matinee prices at the movie theaters in the Valley. For more information go to: www.suncard1.com

Bookstore: Graduate Assistants and other ASU employees receive a 10% discount on bookstore purchases (Someone from your department should give you a card in August). Not surprisingly, lines in the bookstore can seem unbearably long at the beginning of each semester, so we suggest that you try to buy books for your classes early, before the semester officially starts. The 10% discount can also be used at the Student Book Center on College Ave. Another good source for books is amazon.com or half.com

Libraries: There are a number of libraries on campus where you may spend quite a bit of your time. Very helpful to Social Sciences are the Hayden Library, the main library in the center of campus just across the way from the Memorial Union, and the Noble Science Library, just west of the

Psychology building. The Hayden Library's entrance is actually underground, which you enter through a stairway or elevator near the Memorial Union; Hayden has a little café and a brown bag area for bringing your food if you like. There are computers with free high-speed internet and fee-accessed printers available to all ASU-affiliates. Note: to print in the libraries, you must use your ASU-issued ID card (these are obtained in the Memorial Union or in Student Services—there is a \$25 fee for the issue of a student ID card). You load money on your card either by putting cash on it with the machines in the libraries or by putting credit/debit money on it via your ASUrite website. Keep in mind that you can print, make local phone calls, and use high-speed internet for free at any time in the Graduate Student Center on the second floor of Cowden.

As previously mentioned, **Hayden Library** is the main library on campus. The library catalog is available on the Internet at <http://www.asu.edu/lib/>. After you log in with your asurite ID, you can use a number of online services, such as searching for articles and books, view and print articles, renew books, recall books from other patrons, or request that the library use email to notify you when your books are overdue or when someone has recalled a book from you. Also, you can do a search in the catalog, tag a number of citations, and email the bibliography to yourself.

Very small, secluded carrels, tucked away in various places behind the stacks, are available for graduate students on a limited basis. Ask at the circulation desk. Staff in the Government Documents, Luhrs Reading Room, Special Collections, and Labriola Center are very friendly and helpful. The Arizona Collection, the Chicano Collection, and the Labriola collection have been particularly rich sources for graduate students here.

Getting Familiar with Tempe: There is a CD for free in the ASU Student Services building on the second floor near the Financial Aid that will serve as a “drive-guide” around Tempe. It is extremely helpful.

CHECKLIST OF THINGS TO DO

BEFORE COMING TO CAMPUS

- Take care of immunizations and fax proof to Health services
- Sign up for your asurite ID and email accounts
- Contact Laura Hanish or Cecilia Menjivar about classes to take in the fall and what type of funding you are receiving
- Register for classes
- Sign up for student health insurance
- Read through a copy of the handbook to get an idea of what the requirements are for the program (also see **Family Studies and Soc Requirements** in the Appendix)

WHEN YOU GET TO CAMPUS

- Contact your advisor and set up a meeting with him/her
- Contact the project director of the project you will be working on, or the professor you will be TAing for and set up a meeting to talk about hours/responsibilities for fall semester.
- Get your student ID at the MU (if you get there first thing when they open, you will miss the lines).
- Go to the graduate student fair to pick up information about groups on campus and Health services information (see website for dates)
- Buy textbooks for class
- Complete W-2 forms
- Sign up for direct deposit
- Buy parking pass/get bus pass from parking services
- Get keys for buildings/grad student space
- Become familiar with the Library and how to access its resources

LIVING IN THE VALLEY

By now you may already be living in the Phoenix area, but here is some information to make you feel like a native. The term “Valley of the Sun” is used to describe Phoenix and its surrounding cities, which include Tempe, Scottsdale, Mesa, Gilbert, Chandler, Glendale, and Peoria. Note that these cities are not referred to as suburbs of Phoenix. By using the word “suburb” to describe the surrounding cities, you are announcing that you are not from the area. Among the many students and full-time residents, are “Snowbirds”, a term given to the people who flood the Valley during the October-April months; usually they are older, business-focused people who own a second home for the gorgeous winters. You’ll particularly notice the traffic increase with a sigh.

THE CITIES

Phoenix is the state capital and the largest city in Arizona. Attractions include the Arizona Center, America West Arena, Bank One Ballpark, the Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum, the Phoenix Museum of History, Pueblo Grande Museum, Desert Botanical Garden, Papago Park, Heritage Square, and the Arizona Science Center. For free literature and information call the Phoenix and Valley of the Sun Visitors Bureau at (602) 254-6500, or visit <http://www.phoenixcvb.com/> The City of Phoenix website is located at: <http://www.phoenix.gov/>

Tempe is home to Arizona State University. It is centrally located southeast of Phoenix, south of Scottsdale, north of Chandler, and west of Mesa. Attractions include Mill Avenue, Hayden Square, the Tempe Historical Museum, the Arizona Historical Society Central Division, Tempe Arts Center, and Nelson Fine Arts Center and Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium located on ASU’s campus. For information on events and activities call the Tempe Convention and Visitors Bureau Information Line at (480) 894-8158 or visit <http://www.tempe.gov/>

Scottsdale is the destination for many out-of-state visitors. It is directly north of Tempe. Many up-scale resorts are located here. Attractions include the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Rawhide and a variety of shops and restaurants in the downtown area.

Visit <http://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/>

Mesa is the third largest city in Arizona and is located east of Tempe. Attractions include the Arizona Museum for Youth, Mesa Southwest Museum, and Mesa Arts Center. It offers the least variety of entertainment of the major valley cities. However, since housing is more affordable in Mesa, and given its close proximity to Tempe, many graduate students rent apartments in Mesa. Visit <http://www.cityofmesa.org/cityhome/default.asp>

Chandler is a rapidly growing community south of Tempe. Attractions include a historical museum, a performing arts center, and shopping. Much of the growth is occurring in west Chandler, near the Ahwatukee section of Phoenix. West Chandler and Ahwatukee have several large shopping and entertainment centers. Visit <http://www.chandleraz.gov/>

Glendale is a west Valley city and is home to ASU West and the graduate school of international business known as “Thunderbird.” Glendale’s downtown has numerous antique stores. Additionally, the Cardinals Stadium (location of 2008 Super bowl) and a new shopping center (Westgate) are located in Glendale. Visit <http://www.ci.glendale.az.us/>

Temperature

It is hot. Drink lots of water. Carry a bottle of water with you during the summer, and make sure to get some good sunglasses and sunscreen. Do not be fooled by the saying “but it is a dry heat.” Think of Arizona as one big outdoor oven. Do not attempt any strenuous physical activity outdoors in June – September between 9:00am and 7:00pm. In Arizona’s elementary schools, children are trained in desert survival because it is truly a serious situation to be stranded without water or shade.

The summer temperatures last from about mid-May to mid-October, with a height around July 15. Temperatures really do stay above 100 daily during July and August. The great news is the winter—it’s never really been colder than 30 degrees at night during January, and the daytime temperatures are 70 or so. The last week of August is termed “Monsoon Season”, in which heavy rains bombard the Valley; because there are no typical drainage systems along the streets, the rains last year filled to a foot or so in some neighborhood streets.

Daylight Savings Time

The only part of Arizona that observes Daylight Savings Time is the Navajo Reservation. The remainder of the state stays on Mountain Standard Time all year round - so you'll never have to worry about changing your clocks!

HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

HOUSING

There are many apartments for rent in Tempe, so it's not difficult to find somewhere to live. In fact, there are so many places, it might be overwhelming to try and choose from all your options. If you have the time/resources, come to Tempe for a weekend and apartment search. Grab a free book of apartment listings at any grocery store, and start making the rounds. Also keep in mind that many of our graduate students live in other cities in the Valley. Before you come, ask other graduate students where they live, and what places they would recommend. Apartment complexes are generally open to show units Monday through Saturday, but many are closed on Sunday.

If you can't visit Tempe, it's still not difficult to find an apartment. Ask a current graduate student to send a free apartment guide. You can also Google "tempe apartments" and find many apartment websites, but here are some websites to get you started:

Rent.com: www.rent.com

Apartment hunters: <http://www.ah-az.com/CITY.HTM>

Craigslist: <http://phoenix.craigslist.org/>

For rent: <http://forrent.com>

The State Press (the student newspaper): <http://www.statepress.com/>

For reviews of apartment complexes, go to:

<http://www.apartmentreviews.net/ratings/arizona.htm>www.rent.com

Some additional tips on finding the best apartment to fit your needs:

- When you call or visit apartment complexes, be sure to ask if they have any student discounts or discounts for ASU employees (you are both). Many places don't advertise this, but frequently they discount for students.

- If you are relying on your assistantship as your only source of income, you may need someone to cosign the lease with you.
- Ask about hidden fees. Some places pay for some utilities, others do not. Common utilities that apartment complexes will pay for are water and trash, whereas electricity included is not common.
- If you want to live close to campus, things are generally a bit more expensive, and there might be more undergrads. Further away, and it's harder to get to campus because you have to deal with traffic and paying for parking. Decide which is important to you. Students get free bus cards, so if you want to take the bus to campus, find a place near a bus line.
- If you want to be within biking distance of ASU, stay within the following boundaries: west of McClintock; east of Hardy; north of Southern; south of Curry

Alternatively, you can choose to purchase a home out here, because there is a good chance you'll be in this area for at least four years in the program. Look at Right Place Properties (www.rightplaceproperties.com) to see a company that specializes in catering to first-time buyers and sets you up with appliances and options.

TRANSPORTATION IN THE VALLEY

Valley Metro is the name of the public transportation system that services the Phoenix Metropolitan area by offering bus service. Bus schedules are available at the Memorial Union or you can call Transit Information at (602) 235-5000. There are some free shuttles in select neighborhoods that go directly to the University. Check the website www.valleymetro.org for bus routes and other information. ASU has also started a new program through which students and faculty can ride the public transit system for free. Contact the ASU Parking and Transit Services Office for details. In particular, the free Neighborhood Flash is convenient and useful for ASU students; see www.tempe.gov/tim/FlashNeighborhood.htm for details.

Bus Service

The busses in Tempe are now **free** for ASU students. For more information about getting your free pass call: 480-965-1072 Public transportation in the Valley is fair. Buses generally run on the major streets. ASU's campus has a free shuttle that will run you from one end of campus to the other. People who park their cars in the infamous Lot 59—the lot along Rural Road, furthest from campus—usually prefer not to make the death march in the summer, so they take the shuttle. Also,

ASU runs a shuttle between the main campus here in Tempe and the ASU West campus located in Glendale (about a half hour ride). For more information about city or university buses, look in the Memorial Union or the Graduate College or call for public transit information at the number listed below. There is also a free bus service in some neighborhoods. Check the website:

<http://www.phoenixmetro.com/cities/tempe.html> to see if your neighborhood has this service.

For bus route information, including an interactive route map, go to

<http://www.valleymetro.org/VM/rider%20alerts/> The Commuter Options program is located in room 103 of the Towers building, 525 S. Forest Avenue, at the corner of Fifth Street and Forest Avenue in Tempe. Business hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. For information or comments, please call (480) 965-1072 or e-mail TRPDEPT@asu.edu.

Public transit Information: **(602) 253-5000**

Driving

Phoenix is basically laid out on a grid. Central Avenue is the starting point. All of the roads west of Central are numbered avenues; all of the streets to the east of Central are numbered streets. For example, if you want to go to 2410 E. Camelback, you know that if you travel along 24th Street, you would turn east on Camelback. From ASU the major exits off of I-10 into Phoenix are 32nd Street, 24th Street, 7th Street, 7th Avenue, and 19th Avenue.

Streets: If you don't come from a very large city, the street set-up in Phoenix will be new. All of the valley (the "valley" encompasses Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe, Gilbert, Scottsdale, Paradise Valley, among other smaller towns, and is circled by a ring of mountains on all sides) is set up in a very neat grid format. Locations are in terms of "cross-streets", rather than their exact location, and people give directions in "north/south" rather than "turn left/turn right" for the most part. Part of ASU's main campus is at Mill and University, for example, and you'd travel south on Mill to see Gammage Auditorium on the northeast corner of Mill and Apache.

- **I-10** will take you into Phoenix. Take the 7th Street exit to get to the downtown area and sports arenas and cultural attractions.
- **I-17** will take you to north to Flagstaff.

- **202 or Red Mountain Freeway** runs east/west connecting Mesa to Tempe to the I-10. From the 202 take the Rural Road exit to get to ASU and proceed south on Rural.
- **101** is North and South connecting I-17 North of Phoenix down to Chandler...
- You can pick up **Hwy 60** from Priest, Mill, Rural, and McClintock south of Baseline Road to travel east through Mesa out to Apache Junction.

City Lines and Street Names: Because each of the cities in the valley borders directly against another city, you may cross city lines without ever realizing it. The following street names change as you cross city boundaries.

North/south streets in Tempe and Scottsdale:

- **Rural Road** in Tempe changes into **Scottsdale Road** in Scottsdale
- **McClintock** in Tempe changes into **Hayden Road** in Scottsdale
- As you travel south toward Baseline on **Priest** in Tempe it changes into **Avenida del Yaqui** as you travel through the town of Guadalupe, then changes back into **Priest**. **Priest** going north turns into **Galvin Parkway** – where Papago Park, the Phoenix Zoo and Desert Botanical Gardens are located. It then changes to **64th Street** in Scottsdale.

East/west streets in Tempe and Mesa:

- **Apache** in Tempe changes into **Main Street** in Mesa

North/south streets in Mesa and Chandler:

- **Country Club** in Mesa turns into **Arizona Avenue** in Chandler. Going North it turns into the **Beeline Highway (87)**

Avoiding Traffic Congestion

There are two streets in particular with well-timed traffic lights that will greatly reduce your travel time:

- When traveling between Tempe and Mesa, take Apache/Main as opposed to University.
- When traveling between Tempe and Scottsdale, take Hayden/McClintock or the 101 as opposed to Rural/Scottsdale if you are going further north than downtown Scottsdale or Scottsdale Fashion Square.

DRIVER'S LICENSE AND ESTABLISHING RESIDENCY

Driver License and Vehicle Registration

For office hours and locations or other information call (602) 255-0072 in Phoenix and (800) 251-5866 elsewhere in Arizona. The closest office is at 1703 E. Larkspur Lane in Tempe. This is just north of the 202, off McClintock near its intersection with McKellips.

If you go to the DMV on Saturday, it will be PACKED. However, if you go into the DMV on the weekday, there are few lines, and the one in Tempe has a helpful person you check in with, tell them what you want, and then they guide you to the correct person who can help you. Before you can get a driver's license/register your car, you need to get a car inspection and a separate emissions inspection. See <http://www.azdot.gov/mvd/azwelcome.asp> for details.

Establishing Residency in Arizona

Since in-state tuition is significantly less than out-of-state tuition, establishing Arizona residency early is very important. Tuition waivers from many departments are usually not guaranteed. However, the residency requirements are strict. Besides the standard forms of proof such as drivers licenses and car and voter registrations, they are particularly concerned that students live in the state through those hot summer months, so you will have to provide ample weekly evidence that you have suffered through it with the rest of us. The requirements are one year's residence and you can show that through pay stubs, bank records, etc. **Residency Office 965-7712**

LIBRARIES AND POST OFFICES

LIBRARIES

The city public libraries often have monographs and other books that are not available at Hayden. Their computer catalogue systems are linked to each other and to ASU.

Tempe Public Library

3500 S. Rural Road (southeast corner of Southern and Rural) call 350-5500, or to hear a recorded listing of hours call 350-5555. Has a good selection of history books--check here if you can't find something in the ASU libraries.

Mesa Public Library-Main branch

64 E. 1st Street. Recorded information call 644-3100 or for Reference Services call 644-2207
Hours: M-Thurs. 9:30am-9:00pm, Fri-Sat. 9:30am-5:30pm, and Sun. 1:30pm- 5:30pm

Phoenix Central Library Burton Barr

1221 N. Central. Recorded hours and reference services call 262-4636

Scottsdale Civic Center Library

3839 Civic Center Blvd. 994-2474

POST OFFICES

Tempe Main (85282, 85283, 85284, 85287, 85289)

233 E. Southern (west of Rural Road)

Apache Blvd. (Center, 85281)

1962 E. Apache, Tempe

Tempe Postal Store (PO Boxes 85280)

500 S. Mill Avenue

Dobson Station (85202, 85274)

2415 W. Broadway (east of Price-Tempe/Mesa border), Mesa

Mesa Main (85201, 85211)

135 N. Center Street

Scottsdale Main (85251, 85252)

7242 E. Osborne

SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT

SHOPPING

Purchasing Furniture

- Check the online Ad board maintained by the State Press. <http://webdevil.asu.edu>
- Craigslist: <http://phoenix.craigslist.org/>
- You may also find good deals on furniture at estate sales if you drive out to Sun City.
- Sun City is a planned retirement community located in west Phoenix. It is about a 45 minute drive from campus.
- Tempe is also home to an **IKEA** store at I-10 and Warner Road.
- Join GRADstu or GRADad listservs with ASU for free--other grad students are constantly giving away or selling very cheap furniture to a good home, and you'll get more emails than you know what to do with.

Unfinished furniture:

- *The Knot House* 734 W. Main Street (Main Street and Extension), Mesa

Books, CD's, and more

- *Bookman's Used Books, Music, and Software*: 1054 S. Country Club Drive, Mesa
Offers used books, magazines, and cds. It is the best used bookstore in the valley, but it is still not great.
- *Changing Hands Bookstore*: 6428 S. McClintock, Tempe
Features new, used and sale books. While there make sure to hit Trader Joes for groceries and Wild Flower Bakery for breakfast, lunch, dinner or a coffee and pastry.
- *Half-Price Books*: Located at 1245 W. Elliot Rd.
Also think about: <http://half.com>
- *Buffalo Exchange*: 227 W. University (just west of Mill Avenue), Tempe
Buffalo Exchange is a chain that buys and sells used trendy clothing.
- *Hoodlum's Records*: Located on the lower level of the Memorial Union.
It has great new and used cd's and will buy your used cds too. The staff is very knowledgeable and helpful.
- *Zia Records*: 105 W. University (just west of Mill Avenue), Tempe
A great place to purchase and sell used cds and cassettes. If you are into the local band scene, you need to get a copy of "Tempe's best" recorded and produced by Zia around December each year.

- *Arizona Mills Mall*: I-10 and US 60.

A mega-outlet mall. Includes an IMAX theater, a Virgin mega store, a 24-screen theater, and a Gameworks.

- *Fiesta Mall*: Alma School and Southern in Mesa.

Your typical mall. Major department stores include Sears, Dillard's, and Macy's. Borders Books and Music, Best Buy, CompUSA, and Cost Plus are across the street.

- *Scottsdale Fashion Square*: Located on Scottsdale Road and Camelback.

An upscale mall (5th largest in the nation) near downtown Scottsdale. Major department stores include Dillard's, J.C. Penney, Macy's, Robinson-May, Neiman Marcus, and Nordstrom.

- *Biltmore Fashion Park*: North-central Phoenix on 24th and Camelback

An upscale outdoor mall. Restaurants, cafes, shops, and Borders. Department stores include Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue.

- *I-10 and Ray Road*:

A large commercial complex with restaurants, big stores, Barnes & Noble, and a 24-screen theater. In Ahwatukee.

- *Chandler Fashion Center*: 101 and Chandler Roads.

Large upscale mall. Major Department Stores include Nordstrom and the rest that are generally in malls.

- *Tempe Marketplace*: 101 and McClintock.

Extensive selection stores and restaurants as well as entertainment at destinations such as Dave & Buster's, Harkins Theatres, and Maria Maria.

GROCERIES

Many major chains have scattered stores across the valley. Many of them have preferred customer cards, so be sure to get one. The major grocers include **Albertson's, Safeway, Basha's, and Fry's**.

- *Whole Foods*: a full-service grocery store with an emphasis on natural and organic products. Baseline and Rural in Tempe or Ray and 101 in Chandler.
- *Sunflower Market*: plenty of organic and healthy food at better prices than Whole Foods. Southern and McClintock
- *Sprouts*: similar to Sunflower Market; various locations around the valley.

- *Mesa Farmer’s Market:* every Friday in downtown Mesa in front of the Sheraton Rendezvous Center on Center Street.
- *Phoenix Farmer’s Market:* every Wednesday night and Saturday morning in downtown Phoenix.
- *Trader Joe’s:* a favorite! Trader Joe’s has an eclectic blend of food, snacks, and beverages. Good stuff, not too expensive. Located at McClintock and Guadalupe Rd.
- *Guadalupe produce:* There are a few produce markets on Avenida del Yaqui in Guadalupe. The best one is across from the blue square shopping center in the middle of town. Try their delicious fresh roasted corn for a snack.
- *Italian Deli:* One located in South Scottsdale on Scottsdale Rd. just North of Thomas.

RESTAURANTS

Tempe is now smoke-free inside restaurants and bars!

Phoenicia Café616 S. Forest Ave
 Excellent Middle Eastern food, walking distance from campus. Located next to an ethnic market and a beautiful mosque.

Restaurant Mexico120 E.University.
 A sit-down restaurant but it serves the food good, fast and cheap.

Casey Moore’s Oyster House850 S. Ash Ave
 A unique casual restaurant and bar where you can sit outside (very pleasant) or inside and chat with friends. Casey’s has more of a Tempe graduate student crowd than the bars on Mill Avenue which are often packed with tourists. If you like “black and tans” this is the place.

Oreganos Pizza Bistro.....523 W. University (T)
 3622 N. Scottsdale Road (S)
 Great atmosphere and moderate prices. It can get VERY busy so expect a big wait.

Baja Fresh.....412 W. University

Very good and affordable Mexican food that's made fresh with no preservatives. Caters to vegetarians.

Slices.....11 E. Sixth St

Cheap pizza pieces, very yummy, good on the run!

India Bistro.....130 E University Dr

This is an Indian buffet, everything included for \$8, and it is great!

Dilly's Deli.....414 W. University

Good selection of soups and sandwiches.

Pita Jungle1250 E. Apache

Pita Jungle serves a variety of vegetarian dishes.

Pei Wei..... 1825 E Guadalupe Rd

The more affordable and faster version of P.F Changs

Lalibela Ethiopian Cuisine.....849 W. University Drive

One word: YUM. Good vegetarian selections.

House of Tricks.....114 E. 7th Street, Tempe

Great food in a charming atmosphere. A little pricey.

RA Sushi411 S. Mill Ave.

Great happy hour prices on sushi and Japanese beer. Very tasty.

Wildflower Bakery..... 6428 S. McClintock

Great Breakfasts, lunches and dinner items in addition to bakery items. On Friday and Saturday nights there is usually music too.

Udupi Café.....1636 N. Scottsdale Rd.

Indian restaurant that serves only vegetarian dishes. Not too spicy.

Jewel of the Crown.....7373 Scottsdale Mall, Suite1

Highly recommended by friends from India!

Swaddee Thai Cuisine.....Ray and Rural (Chandler)

Good Thai restaurant. Unless your mouth is fireproof don't order spiciness over a 2!

Tasty Kabob.....1250 E Apache

Persian restaurant that serves both vegetarian and meat options. Has everything from pita sandwiches to traditional Persian dishes, and, of course, very tasty kabobs!

Szechwan Palace.....668 N. 44th St.

There are several Chinese restaurants at the CCC, but several Chinese students recommended this place in particular. There is also a large Chinese Market next door as well as other interesting shops.

The Farm at South Mountain.....6106 S. 32nd Street

This is an actual farm with all sorts of produce for sale, two great farm fresh restaurants and fantastic ambience.

Café Istanbul.....1310 E. Apache

Restaurant and market for great middle eastern food

Lucky Dragon.....3318 S. McClintock

Harlow’s Café.....1021 W. University Drive

Great place for a cheap, greasy breakfast – one of Tempe’s original breakfast spots.

Arai Pastry.....1335 W. University Dr., Ste. 4

Japanese bakery and café: great chicken teriyaki and nearby Asian food market. Try the green tea smoothie.

Sammy’s Woodfired Pizza.....414 S. Mill Ave

Take-out pizza is ready in 10 minutes

Picnic Company Gourmet Café.....1415 E. University Dr.

Great sandwiches

Cheba Hut.....960 W University Dr #108

Very good toasted sandwiches.

Sacks

The art of sandwicherie

I AM the Center.....21 E. 6th St.

Offers an all-organic menu, many yoga sessions, open mic nights, live music, and various weekly events.

*****Please Keep in Mind- Many of these restaurants/coffee houses are in Tempe but there are many, many more fun and eclectic restaurants and hot spots throughout the Valley! When you arrive ask other students and use AZCental.com for reviews of the Valley’s finest!!!*****

COFFEE HOUSES

Coffee Plantation.....680 S. Mill Avenue, Tempe and various other locations.

Wireless for free through the city of Tempe and ASU

Starbucks.....420 S. Mill Avenue, etc.

Wireless for free through the city of Tempe and ASU.

The Gold Bar.....McClintock and Southern

Free Wireless Internet

The Muse.....1032 S. Terrace Road

This is a great locally owned coffee shop and a wonderful place to hang out. Free

Wireless Internet.

Coffee Talk48 N. Robson Street, Mesa

Wildflower Bakery.....6428 S. McClintock

This isn't only a coffee house but they do serve good lattes and have great bakery items and restaurant items.

Jamaica Blue.....7210 E. 1st Avenue, Scottsdale

Mill's End.....3rd and Mill

They also serve crepes and a new hookah bar. Free Wireless and a very cozy environment.

NIGHTLIFE

Incidentally, bars in Arizona close at 2:00am. Most locals go out early, around 7:00pm to 8:00pm unless they are going to a real bar with music, which usually starts between 9 and 9:30. Smoking is prohibited inside Tempe businesses.

BARS

Suite 301.....501 S. Mill Ave. Ste. 301

Laid back atmosphere in the middle of Mill Ave district (located above Hooters). The third floor balcony offers great views. SSFD grads hold our semi-regular weekly happy hour here on Fridays.

RA Sushi Bar.....411 S. Mill Ave

Good prices on sushi during happy hour, if you are in the mood for something different.

Casey Moore's Oyster House.....850 S. Ash Ave

A unique casual restaurant and bar where you can sit outside (very pleasant) or inside and chat with friends. Casey's has more of a Tempe graduate student crowd than the bars on Mill Avenue which are often packed with tourists. If you like "black and tans" this is the place.

- Bar Louie**.....4th Street and Mill Avenue.
Great happy hour prices on good food and great atmosphere.
- Murphy’s Irish Pub**..... McClintock and Apache
A dive featuring pool tables and dart boards.
- Four Peaks Brewing Co.**1340 E. 8th Street (east of Rural Road)
A large brew pub located in an old warehouse. Pool tables, indoor and outdoor seating. Good atmosphere and great food.
- Gordon Biersch Brewing Company**5th and Mill in Tempe
A hip hang-out with a modified German menu. They have a small stage area where they feature local bands.
- McDuffy’s**.....230 W. Fifth Street
A sports bar that boasts 45 televisions and 10 satellites showing all games. McDuffy’s serves burgers, sandwiches, pizza, and wings and is connected to the “Bash on Ash,” a dance bar.
- Arizona Roadhouse and Brewery**.....1120 E. Apache Blvd.

FUN NIGHT LIFE

- Rhythm Room**.....1019 E. Indian School
Worth the trip into Phoenix if you like blues music or rockabilly. This is the type of place where people of all walks of life go to hear great music, dance, or just hang out. An indoor atmosphere conducive to going solo, however, this is not a great part of town. Most nights are blues, but Tuesdays and Sundays are rockabilly.www.rhythmroom.com
- Margarita Rocks**.....410 S. Mill Ave
A dance club that’s not too big and (usually) not too small. Youngish crowd and always fun, although you may run the risk of running into one of your students on the dance floor.
- Polly Esther’s/Culture Club**.....2040 N. Scottsdale Rd
A much larger 70s and 80s dance club in Scottsdale. The 70s and 80s dance floors are separated, so you can mercifully dash off to get a good dose of disco when they decide to play Vanilla Ice on the 80s side.
- Bash on Ash**.....230 W. 5th Street
When it’s not hosting live bands or album release parties, the Bash has Swing lessons and dancing on Tuesday nights, Salsa lessons and dancing on Sundays (no partners necessary). A very laid back place that features an eclectic crowd. Check the weekly New Times for listings.

- Nita's Hideaway**.....713 E. Hampton Ave, Mesa
A true dive bar with lots of character that sees a good selection of local and alternative acts performing.
- Graham Central Station**.....7850 S. Priest Drive
This has four different clubs under one roof that vary from karaoke to country to modern dance for a single admission price.
- Mr. Lucky's**.....37th Ave and Grand, Phoenix
Has live bull riding two or three times a week – a real honky tonk.**Arizona**
- Center**.....455 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix
This is like three clubs in one with a dueling piano bar, sports bar (with boxing ring dance floor), and “Decades” for retro dancing.

BEST PLACES TO SEE LIVE MUSIC IN TEMPE

- Yucca Tap Room**.....29 W. Southern Ave.
OK, it's the local dive bar, but cheap and fun too
- The Clubhouse**.....1320 E. Broadway Rd.
- Last Exit Bar and Grill**.....1425 W. Southern Ave
- Trax**.....26. S. Farmer Ave.
- The Sets**.....93 E. Southern Ave.
- Big Fish Pub**.....1954 E. University Dr.
Local alternative and punk bands

GAY AND LESBIAN BARS

- Ain't Nobody's Bizness**.....3031 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix
Voted Arizona's best lesbian bar
- Cash Inn**.....2140 E. McDowell, Phoenix
- Dick's Cabaret**.....3613 E. Van Buren
- e Lounge**.....4343 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix
- Incognito Café**.....2424 E. Thomas, Phoenix
- Misty's**.....4301 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix
- Nobody's Business (The Biz)**.....Phoenix
Techno/Dance music on weekends.

Pooky's Restaurant4540 N. 7th Street, Phoenix

Good place to see a drag show.

MOVIE THEATERS

Not surprisingly, there are many movie theaters close to campus and around the valley. **Harkins** and **AMC** are the two most prominent national chains and you can check their show times online. For those who want an intellectual experience at the movies, the **Harkins Valley Art Theater** on Mill Avenue and **Harkins Camelview 5** near the Scottsdale Mall show more independent, artsy, and/or foreign films. If your budget is tight like most grad students, **Pollack Tempe Cinemas** at the corner of Elliot and McClintock is the local dollar movie house; tickets are \$2 and they usually have special online coupons--see www.pollacktempecinemas.com. They even occasionally show Bollywood movies if you're looking for an interesting cultural experience.

The valley also has 2 drive-in movie theaters, the **Glendale Drive-In** (623-939- 9715) and the **Century Scottsdale Drive-In** (602-949-9451).

THINGS TO DO

HIKING

Nearby Day Hikes

Getting out of the city and walking around in nature can be a nice stress reliever-- not that anyone is ever stressed out in graduate school, of course. This is obviously only a partial list. Consult other grad students and Phoenicians for additional ideas. Most of the following hikes can be done in around half of a day (including the time it takes to drive to the trailhead). You can reach all of these trailheads without 4-wheel-drive, high clearance vehicles. For some of the more involved hikes, we strongly recommend buying a trail guidebook (or checking one out of the ASU or Tempe libraries) rather than relying solely on these brief descriptions. REI on Southern and Priest (1405 W. Southern) has a good selection of books and maps.

“A” Mountain

“A” Mountain is the peak just North of the Social Science building with the “A” that seems to change colors every other day. There is a trail that begins behind the court buildings (roughly 5th Street and College) that leads to the peak. It is a fairly short hike but with great views of Tempe Town Lake and Phoenix off to the west. A good stress reliever during the day – it shouldn’t take more than 15 minutes to walk to the top.

Piestewa Peak

To get to the trailhead: From ASU, get on the Loop 202 and head west until you come to Hwy. 51. Take this north. Exit at Glendale Avenue. Follow this road east until you come to Piestewa Peak Drive. Take a left onto this road. You’ll arrive at the trailhead shortly. This is a 20 minute drive in non-rush hour times. During rush hour, it could be a bit longer--you may want to take surface streets instead of the freeway. (Take Rural/Scottsdale Road north to Lincoln Drive. Take Lincoln west to Piestewa Peak Drive.) Parking may be tough right at the base of the trail but there is parking in other lots nearby. (People actually line up to park right at the base!!!)

Website: <http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/hikephx.html>

Total hiking distance: 2.4 miles (1.2 miles from trailhead to the top of the mountain)

Time required: 1-1.5 hours

Description: Although this is a short hike, it's quite steep and strenuous—a good workout. It's also usually pretty crowded (even at 5:00 am people are talking on cell phones as they hike). This is not a hike for those seeking wilderness solitude. For those seeking a brief, invigorating hike that is close to campus, this hike will fit the bill. Not recommended in the summertime.

Camelback Mountain

There are two trailheads for Camelback, located in Phoenix. The Echo Canyon Trail can be accessed from 44th Street, and then turn right onto 12 McDonald Road. Just after Tatum Blvd there is a trail head.

Website: <http://phoenix.gov/PARKS/hikecmlb.html>

Total hiking distance: 2.6 miles round trip.

Time required: 1.5 – 2 hours

Description. Up and down the mountain, a very strenuous hike, including some scrambling. Great views of Phoenix. Do not attempt during the summer.

Superstition Mountains— Black Mesa Loop

To get to the trailhead: From Tempe, take Hwy. 60 (Superstition Freeway) east, through Mesa and into Apache Junction. Exit at North Apache Trail (Hwy. 88). Follow this road 5 miles northeast of Apache Junction until you reach the sign for the First Water Trailhead - it is right after Dutchman State Park. Turn right at this road. In 2.6 miles, you'll reach the trailhead. From ASU, in non-rush-hour times, it takes around 45 minutes to an hour to get to the trailhead.

Total hiking distance: 9 miles

Time required: 4 – 5 hours

Description: A graduate student favorite. From the First Water Trailhead follow the Second Water Trail east to Garden Valley. In Garden Valley, the Black Mesa Trail heads southeast up and over Black Mesa, descending into West Boulder Canyon. From there it loops around west on the Dutchman Trail back to First Water Trailhead. This hike is not recommended during the summer (or even until October) but we highly recommend it during the early Spring when the wildflowers are in bloom. Boulder Creek also has water in it (fresh, cool water) in the springtime. It is easily done in a half day so you can get back to reading.

Superstition Mountains--Weavers Needle

To get to the trailhead: From Tempe, take Hwy. 60 (the Superstition Freeway) east, through Mesa and through Apache Junction. Past Apache Junction, stay on the hwy. as it becomes two-lane and as it curves off to the south. 8.5 miles after leaving Apache Junction, you'll see a signed turnoff for the Peralta Trailhead on the left. Take a left onto this road, and follow it 8 miles to the trailhead. (There is a lot of construction around there lately but about 7 miles will be dirt. From ASU, in non-rush-hour times, it takes around an hour to get to the trailhead.

Total hiking distance: 4 miles

Time required: around 2.5 hours.

Description: You'll hike uphill for 2 miles (a 1300 foot elevation gain) to the Freemont Saddle, from which you can see Weaver's Needle, an interesting rock formation. Great scenery. Not a summer hike (too darn hot).

Mazatzal Mountains--Barnhardt Trail

To get to the trailhead: From Tempe, take University Drive east to Country Club Drive in Mesa. Take a left on Country Club. The road will turn into Hwy 87, also known as the "Beeline Highway" Follow this for about 60 miles until you see a sign for the Barnhardt trailhead. If you reach the town of Payson, you've gone about 15 miles too far. At the Barnhardt sign, turn west onto the gravel road, and follow it for 5 miles until you reach the trailhead. Plan on about an hour and a half of driving to reach the trailhead.

Total hiking distance: 12.4 miles

Time required: around 6-7 hours to do the whole trail

Description: It's not necessary to hike the entire 12.4 miles. You can simply hike uphill for as long as you want (the trail gains 2000 feet in elevation altogether) and then turn back. The trail starts at an elevation of around 5000 feet, and ends at an elevation of around 7,000 feet, so you get to see non-Sonoran Desert-type vegetation and you might gain some relief from the Phoenix heat.

Mogollon Rim--Horton Springs Trail

To get to the trailhead: From Tempe, take University Drive east to Country Club Drive in Mesa. Take a left on Country Club. The road will turn into Hwy 87, also known as the "Beeline Highway." In about 70 miles, you will reach the town of Payson. Continue past Payson about 10-15 miles, until you reach Forest Road 289. Take this north for about a mile or two until you see the sign for Horton Springs Trail. It should take about 1.5 to 2 hours to get to the trailhead.

Total hiking distance: 6 miles (3 miles from the trailhead to the springs)

Time required: 3 hours

Description: You'll hike moderately uphill through pine forest (the trailhead elevation is around 6,000 feet). The spring is at the base of the rim, which is basically a cliff extending for hundreds of miles across east-central Arizona. The spring is allegedly impressive. I can vouch for the impressiveness of the rim. Those wanting a real challenge can continue on past the spring to the top of the rim--a very steep, very strenuous-looking hike. Distance from the spring to the top of the rim: perhaps 1.5 miles.

Other Hikes

There are numerous hikes in the mountain parks in and around Phoenix – for example South Mountain Park and Papago Park

Picacho Peak: about 1 hour south of Phoenix, just off of I-10

Wet Beaver Creek: about 2 hours north of Phoenix, just off of I-17, some Sedona-like features (red rocks, canyons)

Mount Lemmon (el. 9,157 feet), north of Tucson, offers several good hikes

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- ASU's outdoor recreation center: should have info and also organizes group hikes
- REI: camping store in Tempe, 1405 West Southern Avenue

CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS

Grady Gammage Memorial Auditorium (480) 965-3434

ASU Main Campus, corner of Mill Avenue and Apache Boulevard, Tempe

A theatre facility that brings in Broadway companies (typically 6-8 Broadway shows a year) in addition to other non-Broadway productions, like Stomp! or Jazz musicians. The Gammage even housed the third Presidential debate between Kerry and Bush in October 2004. Seating is in orchestra, tier, and balcony levels, with prices that range from about \$20-60 regular price BUT you as an ASU student can see shows for half-price.

The legend behind Gammage Auditorium is this: Gammage was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, famous Chicago-based architect. He and the then-president of ASU were in Tempe one late night playing poker, and the stakes were getting far too high. Wright got nervous and put the plans to the new auditorium he was designing for an opera house in Baghdad into the pot. Well, he lost, and ASU has since had a gorgeous opera house for theatrical productions.

Kerr Cultural Center..... (480) 965-5377

Located just south of the Borgata on Scottsdale Road and Lincoln in Scottsdale.

Scottsdale Center for the Arts.....(480) 994-2787

Features art galleries and performances in downtown Scottsdale. Some student discounts available.

Chandler Center for the Arts..... (480) 786-2680

Herberger Theater Center(602) 252-8497

Heard Museum.....www.heard.org

Phoenix Symphony Hall.....(602) 262-7272

Phoenix Symphony Orchestra.....(602) 495-1999

Scottsdale Symphony Orchestra.....(480) 945-8071

Mesa Symphony Orchestra.....(480) 897-2121

VALLEY TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Boyce Thompson Southwestern Arboretum.....(520) 689-2811

Located west of Superior on US 60, the arboretum features nature trails and over 1500 plants.

Desert Botanical Gardens.....Papago Park, 1201 N. Galvin Pkwy

The world's largest collection of desert plants in a natural setting. \$7 entrance fee, but in late September there is generally a free weekend.

Phoenix Zoo.....(602) 273-1341

Papago Park at 455 N. Galvin Pkwy, the zoo has an interesting new spectacled bear habitat.

Arizona Center.....949-4353

Shops and restaurants located on Van Buren Street between 3rd and 5th Streets.

Downtown Scottsdale

Located off of Scottsdale Road between 1st Avenue and Camelback, this area features art galleries, shops, and restaurants. Scottsdale Fashion Square is located off of Scottsdale Road and Camelback.

24th and Camelback

There are several restaurants in this area including Planet Hollywood. The Biltmore Fashion Square is an outdoor mall with specialty shops and chain stores.

Mill Avenue

A plethora of shops, restaurants and bars. Convenient to ASU. Something for everyone!

Taliesin West

12621 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale

Frank Lloyd Wright's final home and studio located in north Scottsdale. Student discount tickets are still a bit pricey.

THEATERS

Marquee Theatre

(<http://www.marqueetheatre.tickets.musictoday.com/MarqueeTheatre/calendar.aspx>);

Improv Comedy Club

(<http://improv2.com/v3/index.php?option=content&task=category§ionid=6&id=42&Itemid=32>)

Mesa Community Amphitheatre

(<http://www.cityofmesa.org/cencntr/amp/amphitheatre.asp>);

Celebrity Theatre (a little smaller, but some big names nonetheless)

(<http://phoenix.about.com/od/theatreandconcerts/p/celebrity.htm>);

Cricket Theatre

(<http://phoenix.about.com/od/theatreandconcerts/p/cricket.htm>);

Dodge Theatre

(<http://phoenix.about.com/od/theatreandconcerts/p/dodge.htm>);

Scottsdale Center for the Arts

(<http://clk.about.com/?zi=1/XJ&sdn=phoenix&zu=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.scottsdalearts.org%2Fscada%2Fdefault.asp>).

SPORTS

For tickets to **ASU Sun Devils** sporting events, call the Sun Devil ticket office at (480)965-2381, or go to the ticket office at the ICA building Monday-Friday, 9-5. For tickets to the **Phoenix Suns**, **Phoenix Coyotes**, **Arizona Rattlers**, and **Phoenix Mercury**, call America West Arena at (602)379-7800. For **Diamondbacks** tickets call (602)514-8400. The Diamondbacks play at the newly built air-conditioned Bank One Ballpark. This facility, with its retractable roof and natural grass, is really an experience. For **Arizona Cardinals** football, call (602)379-0102. **Intramural sports** and community recreational team sports are offered through city parks and recreation departments:

- *Tempe Recreation* (480)350-5200, or go to www.tempe.gov/pkrec/ – great selection of classes from sports/exercise to arts and crafts
- *Mesa Adult Sports* 644-2677, or go to <http://www.ci.mesa.az.us/parksrec/default.asp>
- Scottsdale Recreation and Special Interest Classes 994-7957 www.scottsdaleparks.com

Tempe Beach Park: located next to the new Tempe Town Lake. You can rent little paddle boats or kayaks to go out on the lake and there are “tours” on a motorized boat for less than \$10. On weekends you can rent bikes and rollerblades. The path on the north side of the lake is better for rollerblading than the south side path, however the north side is currently under construction. If you have kids there is a free splash park with lots of water and stuff to play with. Tempe Beach Park also hosts numerous athletic and cultural events throughout the year. Concerts, road races, triathlons, dragon boat races, and even the Arizona Ironman Triathlon set up camp in Tempe Beach Park. There is also a great bike and rollerblade path along the greenbelt in Scottsdale. You can pick up the path at Curry Road between Scottsdale Road and Hayden and blade all the way to 92nd Street and Shea. There is a rollerblade rental place on Thomas and Hayden in Scottsdale that has easy access to the Indian Bend Wash path. “Play it Again Sports” also rents rollerblades, sometimes free of charge. It is not safe to ride along this path after dark.

RADIO STATIONS

FM Radio Stations

KBAQ 89.5 Classical

KDKB 93.3 Album rock

KJZZ 91.5 NPR and jazz music

KMLE 108 Country

KNIX 102.5 Country

KSLX 100.7 Classic rock

KUPD 98.7 Hard rock. Morning DJ Dave Pratt has the longest running morning show in America

KWCY 103.5 Country

KZON 101.5 Alternative

KZZP 104.7 Alternative. Great retro tunes on Saturday nights.

The Edge 103 Alternative.

AM Radio Stations

KGME 1360 Sports

KMVP 860 Sports

WEEKEND GET-A-WAYS

Prescott

The territorial capital has a nice downtown square, and the elevation keeps it cooler than Phoenix. Prescott College, a unique environmental educational institution, is located here. Nice hiking in nearby national forests. Prescott has a large 4th of July celebration. “Whiskey Row” is a historic row of bars across from the courthouse.

Sedona

Located approximately 130 miles north of Tempe, Sedona is the heart of redrock country. Sedona is also home to many artists, photographers, hikers, and nature lovers. Some believe that the region contains mystic powers. Advanced and recreational hikers will enjoy Oak Creek Canyon. Call (520) 282-7722 for more information.

Rocky Point

The closest beach to Arizona. Rocky Point is in Baja California, Mexico. It is approximately a four-hour drive from Tempe. Graduate students who wish to avoid witnessing an undergraduate party experience are advised not to go to Rocky Point over Labor Day weekend or during Spring Break. Be aware that when traveling to Mexico for an extended stay, you need to purchase special auto insurance.

Nogales

Only a three-hour drive from Tempe to this Mexican border city. Rio Rico Resort is located just north of the border. (520) 287-3685.

Tucson

Tucson is located about ninety minutes south of Tempe and is home to the University of Arizona. Attractions include the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Mission San Xavier del Bac, and several other historical museums. There is a small ski run on Mount Lemon. During the spring and fall, there are several great day hikes in the Santa Catalina Mountains. On the way to Tucson from Tempe, stop off at Casa Grande Ruins National Monument and Saguaro National Monument. There

is a Tucson-Phoenix shuttle from Sky Harbor airport to U of A campus that runs 10-15 times a day for \$15-\$20.

Flagstaff

Flagstaff is located about two hours north of Phoenix and is home to Northern University. Major attractions include Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument, Walnut Canyon National Monument, Coconino National Forest, and Arizona Snowbowl, where visitors can ski mid-December through mid-April. It is fairly close to the Grand Canyon. Hotels located on Route 66 are pretty inexpensive. Anyone looking for a “hippie-fix” should go there. Flagstaff also has skiing resorts for those cold Arizona winters ;) For more information, call the Flagstaff Visitor Services office (800) 842-7293.

Tonto Natural Bridge State Park

Less than a two hour drive to this incredible natural land formation. Three different trails take you down to the bottom of the bridge and provide different views of the site. You can even hike through the bridge on huge rock formations and up to the other side. Take Highway 87 to Payson and the entry to the park is about 7 miles north of downtown Payson to your left.

Mogollon Rim

Only about a two-four hour drive from Tempe, depending on which part you go to. The Mogollon Rim offers a high country escape, with forests, lakes, hiking, skiing, and more. The Beeline Highway (Highway 87) to Payson and US 60 through the Salt River Canyon are the main routes up.

Grand Canyon

Who needs an explanation! For recorded information on the Grand Canyon call (520) 638-7888.

ANNUAL EVENTS

October:

Mesa Pow Wow (480) 644-2984

Arizona State Fair (602) 268-FAIR

Runs for eighteen days in Phoenix at the fairgrounds.

Way Out West Oktoberfest (480) 350-8181

November:

Dia del los Muertos, or Day of the Dead Guadalupe

December:

Pueblo Grande Indian Market at South Mountain

Tempe Fall Festival of the Arts

Tempe Tostitos Fiesta Bowl Block Party

December 31 (480) 350-0900, (800) 635-5748

This celebration was selected by USA Today as one of America's top eight places to spend New Year's Eve.

January:

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl

Plays at Sun Devil Stadium around New Year's Day www.tostitosfiestabowl.com

PGA Phoenix Open (602) 870-0163

Tickets are usually \$15.00 per day. The Phoenix Open is notorious for attracting huge crowds. The tournament is held at the Princess Resort in Scottsdale the week prior to Super bowl Sunday.

PF Chang's Arizona Rock'n'Roll Marathon and Half-Marathon www.rnraz.com

February:

Arizona Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Concert (480) 431-0095

Usually held in February at Mesa Community College

Franklin Tennis Tournament (480) 922-0222

Princess Resort in Scottsdale in late February or early March

Arizona Renaissance Fair (<http://www.royalfaires.com/ARIZONA/>);

Held on weekends February through March in Apache Junction. Music, theater, comedy, food and drink, crafts, games and jousting.

Ironman Arizona Triathlon (888)280-9097, ext. 27. www.ironmanarizona.com

March:

Chandler Ostrich Festival (480) 963-4571

(No--really!) Usually held in March. Ostrich races, carnival, arts and crafts, food, entertainment and more.

Tempe Festival of the Arts

Spring Training for Major League Baseball teams.

The Cactus League includes the Cubs, Diamondbacks, Whitesox, Rockies, A's, Giants, Brewers, Padres, Angels and Mariners.

April:

Scottsdale Culinary Festival (480) 994-ARTS

Taste the best from Scottsdale restaurants on the Civic Center lawn.

Other:

Heard Museum Indian Market

Sunsplash Reggae Festival

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Bike Co-Op..... MU third floor (965-4748)

The Co-op provides tools and assistance for repairing your bike and they charge only for the parts you need.

Career Services Office.....Student Services Bld, C359 (965-2350)

Career Services provides career counseling and workshops, posts job listings, coordinates on-campus interviews, and sponsors special recruiting programs for both current students and alumni.

24-hour Job Hotline: 965-0506

Child Care and Advisement/Family Resources..... 965-9515

Computing Services

- Computer Accounts Office (Computing Commons, 105) (965-1211)
- Computer Assistance Center (Computing Commons, 202) (965-5939)
- Help Desk/Information (965-6500)

Copy Centers

- Administration, 203c (965-4422)
- Engineering, C-Wing, F103 (965-6071)
- Memorial Union, 17 (965-7251)
- Payne Hall, B25 (965-7252)
- ASU West, FAB, B25 (543-5575)
- Computing Commons, Second Floor (they do color copies, overhead, much more)

Counseling

- Several offices on campus offer counseling to full- and part-time students (some charge fees).
- Clinical Psychology Center, Psychology, 289 (965-7296)
- Counseling & Consultation, Student Services Bldg, B317 (965-6146)
- Counselor Training Center, Payne Hall, B402 (965-5067)
- Mental Health Services, Student Health Center (965-4726)
- 24-hour Crisis Intervention, EMPACT (784-1500)

Disability Resources For Students.....Matthews Center, 143 (965-1234)

This office provides employment referral, registration information and assistance, housing information, testing accommodations, and transportation.

Transportation: 965-3055

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action.....Academic Services Building, 113 (965-5057)

Financial Aid Office/ Student Employment

So, you need to borrow some money, huh? Join the club. You can obtain a FAFSA and all the other necessary forms at the Student Financial Assistance Office, on the second floor of the Student Services Building. If at all possible, avoid going there around the beginning of the semester, unless you like long lines and cranky clerks. The FAFSA can also be done online very quickly at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Financial aid information is also available via www.asu.edu/fastt but advisement, counseling, and loan entrance interviews must be done in person. We recommend using the Financial Aid services in the Graduate College: less lines, nicer people, more efficient. An on/off-campus job board and the Student Employment Office are right next door, if you're looking to supplement your income or in need of summer work.

General Information 965-3355, FAX 965-9484

Scholarships 965-4845

Student Employment (on campus) 965-5186

(off campus) 965-6318

LIBRARIES:

Architecture Library.....Information: 965-6400

ASU West (Fletcher Library).....Information: 543-8501

The main campus online library catalog includes bibliographic information for the stacks at ASU West and you can request books from that campus. It usually takes from 3 to 5 days to receive them here. You can return ASU West books at main campus libraries.

Circulation Desk: 543-8520

Book Renewal: 965-2595

Film Library/Video Resources.....Information: 965-7564

Hayden Library

Phone Renewal 965-2595

Reference Desk: 965-6164

Help Desk (Where you can reserve study rooms): 965-5902

Circulation Desk: 965-3605

Government Documents (third floor): 965-3390

Labriola National American Indian Data Center (Pat Etter): 965-6490

Luhrs Reading Room (Arizona, Chicano, and Visual Literacy Collections; fourth floor): 965-4932

Special Collections Room: 965-6519

Law Library.....Information: 965-6141

Circulation: 965-6144

Government Documents: 965-4860

Music Library.....Information: 965-3513

Noble Science Library

Circulation: 965-2600

Reference: 965-7607

University Of Arizona Libraries

The University of Arizona in Tucson provides guest library cards (with a 30-day check-out period for ASU students). Their library catalog (and NAU's) can be accessed from the ASU Main library site.

Parking Services (see attached parking map)

Parking decals for one of the campus parking structures can be purchased online via [Online Parking Services](#) or in person at the Decal Sales office, which is located at the base of A mountain. Call (480) 965-6124 for hours and directions, or visit website. To purchase a parking permit, view permit prices for 2006-2007 <http://www.asu.edu/dps/pts/> If you can afford the higher price for a parking structure decal, you will appreciate being able to park your car in the shade. Structure parking is very competitive, so you might have to wait a while before you can get a structure space. There is a free bus (the Flash) to take students from lot 59 to main campus. (in gpsa handbook) For a map of routes of the FLASH, and schedules, go to <http://www.tempe.gov/tim/FlashFB.htm>

Help with Stranded Vehicles: 965-3456

Ticket Appeals: 965-4527

Note: If you don't want to spend the money and don't mind walking a little bit, there is a lot on 5th and Ash/Farmer that is free. It just takes from between 10 – 15 minutes to walk to the Coor building – pretty much the same as lot 59 but much cheaper.

Police

- Dialing 911 from a campus phone connects you with ASU's Department of Public Safety.

- ASU Department of Public Safety: 965-3456
- Emergencies: 911
- Tempe Police: 8-911, from a campus phone

Registrar’s Office..... Information: 965-3171

Located in the Student Services building (the big round building west of the MU).

This is where you go to get enrollment verification letters when your student loan company starts asking for payments. You can also order official transcripts for a few dollars per copy. The Registrar’s Office has a website with information and forms:

<http://www.asu.edu/registrar/>. Most of the registrar’s services are available on-line via: www.asu.edu/interactive

Safety Escort Service.....965-1515

After dark, an escort will accompany you to or from any on-campus location and within a few blocks surrounding the campus.

Student Legal Assistance.....965-6307

Practicing attorneys who give free advice to currently enrolled ASU students staff the office. They give great advice regarding such issues as taxes and tenant/landlord problems.

Memorial Union, 329 (Open 8-6, M-TH; 8-noon, Fri):

Student Recreation Center (SRC)..... 965-8900

Offers the full range of workout equipment, basketball, racquetball, intramural sports, great swimming pools, you name it! All included in your student fees during regular term. They also have great counseling on health issues like stress, weight loss, and nutrition. Most of these services are free, or minimal in cost. They can help you set up an exercise regimen designed to your time and needs. You can rent a locker for the semester, but you have to get there early in the semester. The SRC also rents all kinds of camping and sports gear for 1-2 days or a week at great prices. In the summer, you can pay about \$25.00 to continue to use the SRC, as long as you will be enrolled the next fall term.

Thesis/Dissertation Format Assistance

The Graduate College provides the *Format Manual* you will need and the Format Office offers workshops on thesis-dissertation preparation each semester.

Format Advisors (8:30-5:00, M-F): 965-3521

University Activity Center

Tickets--Athletic Events 965-2381

Tickets--Non-Athletic Events 965-3434

Veterans' Educational Benefits

Student Services Building, B117: 965-7723

Voting

Information and Registration: 480.506-1511

Writing Center

The Writing Center offers workshops and individual assistance to ASU students who want to improve their writing skills. Contact the center for current hours, services, and workshops.

Language & Literature, B302: 965-4272

DEPARTMENT INFORMATION AND GRADUATE SCHOOL ADVICE

FROM JODI SWANSON, THIRD YEAR STUDENT

Don't be too scared: Everyone you will talk to in this department and academically has been where you are. Everyone has been a rookie. Everyone has had to ask a question and felt really stupid when they realized the “obvious” answer. There can be a build up of negativity with the heightened level of stress placed on the shoulders of graduate students—don't fall prey to it! You have wound your way through miles of red tape and the bureaucracy of university application processes to make it here, and everybody believes in you! Yes, it's hard; yes, it's a challenge; no, you won't know the answers. But *nobody expects you to* at this point. There is so much to learn, and as long as you love learning, love challenges, and love putting your creativity into plans then actions and eventual products, you'll do wonderfully!

Take time for yourself: Don't make unrealistic goals for yourself. Don't force your mind, your heart, or your body into shapes and places you just don't fit, such as failing to go out and play, eating quickly and unhealthily just because you don't “have the time”, or not taking a break to read a fun book and relax in a bubble bath. Take a trip, go for a hike (South Mountain is the largest city park in the country, located just 15 minutes south of campus with miles and miles of trails—bring water), take a weekly exercise or yoga class.

It's okay to change: You may think you know exactly what kind of research you want to do and with whom you want to work and where you want to be when you walk across the stage with a PhD, or you may not. It's okay to work with different faculty members or many faculty members (keep an idea of where your funding comes from in doing this), and it's okay three years down the road to say, “I don't really want to go this direction anymore” and change your thoughts. This program does an incredible job of placing importance on mentoring, molding, teaching, being flexible, helping, collaborating, and utilizing the varied and diverse skills of the many over the one.

Publications, Presentations, and Socializations: A focus of research-oriented, rigorous programs is the advancement of scientific knowledge for the benefit of academic professionals and for the benefit of society in general. Our program is no exception. By keeping everyone “on their toes”, constantly working toward publishing new findings, science can move faster and more efficiently because the most up-to-date information is constantly coming out. Yes, deadlines are a reality and the pressure is very real and very constant, but it's part of keeping things dynamic and not allowing for stagnancy or lethargy. In the beginning, play the part of the new team member who joins the sports team and watches at first from the sidelines. Help your professors with their publications and learn from them how and what to do. When the time comes to publish, you will, and you'll do well.

Another aspect of the research environment is the socialization of others in the field. There will be job talks if there are any new hiring considerations, “brown bag” talks, or speaker series to attend to see research presentations by researchers outside our department and mostly outside our university or our region. These talks can be awesomely informative. They are like a miniature conference on your own campus for free! Attend as many as you can, just to see who's out there and what other research is going on that may be related to your own.

APPENDIX

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL AND FAMILY DYNAMICS: FACT SHEET

Number of Faculty (as of Fall 2007): 40

- 9 Professors
- 13 Associate Professors
- 9 Assistant Professors
- 9 Lecturers/Instructors/Research Associates

Number of Staff/Advisors (as of Fall 2007): 9

Degrees/Certificates Offered:

- Family and Human Development BS, MS, and PhD
- Marriage and Family Therapy MAS
- Infant and Family Practice MAS
- Sociology BA, MA, and PhD

Number of Undergraduate Majors (as of Fall 2007): 700

Number of Graduate Students (as of Fall 2007): 100

Institutes/Centers

- Family and Human Dynamics Research Institute
- Center for Population Dynamics
- Child Development Lab Center

Annual External Grant Expenditures (2007): \$2,700,000

Core Scholarly Themes

- Child, Adolescent, and Life Course Development
- Social Demography
- Dynamical Assessment
- Family Dynamics
- Health and Society
- Race, Ethnicity, and Migration

For more information:

- <http://www.asu.edu/clas/fhd/ssfd>
- ssfd@asu.edu

SSFD STAFF

JEAN MEMBERTO: BUSINESS MANAGER

- Chief administrative staff person in SSFD.
- Oversees and supervises the administration of the academic programs in SSFD
- Chief financial officer for SSFD.
- Supervise classes, class scheduling, and room assignments.

JIWAN GOYAL: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR GRANTS/CONTRACTS

- Overseeing research and grant activity in SSFD
- Supervising the research staff
- Process grants, grant budgets, and research personnel

SANDY BALISTRERI: GRADUATE SECRETARY

- Work with our Graduate Coordinators in administering our grad programs in SOC and FHD.
- Graduate program, admissions, and graduate communications.

KOURTNEY GREVING: MAIN RECEPTIONIST AND UNDERGRADUATE SECRETARY

- Main receptionist of Social Sciences building and also undergraduate secretary.
- Assist in making appointments with advisors, in processing grades, in tracking undergrads, and in supervising the student workers and the work orders submitted.
- Handle all FedEx and other forms of mail/shipping.

TRACY TIBBETTS: OFFICE/TRAVEL SPECIALIST AND SCHEDULE MANAGER

- Collect the classes to be taught and organize the course schedule of classes.
- Handle book orders to the book store.
- Process all travel forms in SSFD.
- Help administer keys and assist with processing payments and purchases.

SARAH GATES: GRANT/CONTRACT BUDGET MANAGER

- Assist in the development and management of grant/contract budgets.
- Communicate about budgets, processing purchases/personnel on grants, grant-related travel, and any other grant issue.

HEIDI HAGGAS: ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

- Assist School Director in management and operations of SSFD.
- Administrative tasks for conferences, meetings, and other SSFD/FHDRI research events.

JON MCMORRIS: COWDEN OFFICE SPECIALIST (HALF-TIME)

- Manage operations in Cowden Building.
- Responsible for keys and for ordering supplies, and mailing Fed-ex