

2026-27 QUICK GUIDE

ASU Campus Comparison A Quick Guide for Indian Students

Tempe, Downtown Phoenix, Polytechnic & West Valley —
which one is your programme actually based at?

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ASU's Four Campuses, Compared

One university, four genuinely different experiences

Arizona State University is ranked #1 in the US for innovation for 11 consecutive years (US News, 2016–2026) and sits at QS World #172–173. With an acceptance rate of ~90%, ASU is genuinely accessible — but it operates across four distinct Phoenix-metro campuses, and where your specific programme is based changes your day-to-day experience significantly. A free shuttle connects all four, so visiting friends or classes elsewhere is easy — but you should still know what you're choosing.

Campus	Best For	Character
Tempe (main)	Broadest programme choice; students wanting the classic large-university experience	ASU's original and largest campus (est. 1885), ~55,000 students, all major athletics facilities, hundreds of degree programmes, historic Old Main building, Mill Avenue district nightlife nearby
Downtown Phoenix	Health Sciences, Law, Journalism, Public Service, Business	Est. 2006, ~11,400 students, urban/professional feel in Arizona's capital; home to the new John Shufeldt School of Medicine and Medical Engineering; students from 97 countries
Polytechnic	Engineering & Technology, hands-on/applied learning, industry partnerships	'Think, do, learn' philosophy with specialised labs; smaller, cheaper to live on than Tempe; genuinely strong direct industry ties
West Valley (West)	Students wanting a smaller, quieter campus environment	Modelled aesthetically after Oxford's historic grounds; peaceful courtyards and fountains; focused on upskilling and workforce-relevant degrees

Before you accept any ASU offer, confirm which campus your specific programme is based at.

Popular Indian-applicant courses — MS Computer Science, Data Science, Robotics, Electrical Engineering — aren't exclusive to Tempe; several run at Polytechnic or Downtown Phoenix too, and this materially changes your housing, commute and campus experience.

Industry proximity, regardless of campus: the entire Phoenix metro area puts you near major employers including Intel, TSMC and Honeywell — a genuine advantage for Engineering and Computer Science students at any of the four campuses.

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