Teach what you love without changing your major

At Arizona State University, you can make a positive impact in the community while adding value to your current degree. Through a collaborative pathway from the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College and The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, you will learn how to teach the next generation of scholars to succeed by becoming certified to teach middle and high school students. Whether your interest lies in delving into American history or pursuing scientific discovery, this flexible program allows you to keep your current major while meeting the requirements for Arizona teacher certification. The skills you gain in this program can apply to a variety of education careers, both inside and outside the traditional school setting.

As you pursue a pathway to education, you’ll receive unparalleled support from a dedicated advisor in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College. Your advisor will provide you with personalized resources to help ensure success — tutoring, stress management, help with financial aid and more.
Discover your pathway to education

Secondary Education Certificate
The secondary certificate program requires a minimum of 30 credits, and includes both course work and professional experiences in a 6th to 12th grade setting. While enrolled in the program, you will learn things about instructional strategies, Arizona academic standards, literacy, differentiated instruction and accommodations to address all learners.

Requirements to enroll:
• Appointment with education advisor.
• 2.25 GPA.
• Identity Verified Print fingerprint card.
• Subject knowledge proficiency demonstrated through course work or appropriate Arizona Educator Exam.

Courses are typically taken over junior and senior year with flexible pathway options.

Pre-education timeline

1 Freshman and sophomore years
• Work on completing general studies requirements and courses for your major. Some education courses may satisfy general studies requirements, so meet with an advisor to plan ahead.
• Your education courses will also satisfy elective credits needed to graduate.

2 Junior year
• Begin education program courses and clinical experiences, while continuing in your major.

3 Senior year
• Finish education courses and any remaining courses in your major.
• Second semester of your senior year will be spent in a full-time student teaching residency.

Make your future more marketable
• Maximize your hiring potential in any career.
• Access grants that will help you pay for your degree(s).
• Take advantage of teacher loan forgiveness programs for any of your student loans.
• Be qualified for the high-demand, secure career field of education.