

English (Secondary Education), BA

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Inspire the minds of future leaders by teaching English at the high school level. Leading [education scholars](#) will mentor you in methods of teaching English, which you'll put to use during professional field experiences and student teaching, preparing you for certification in the state of Arizona.


Program description

The BA program in English with a concentration in secondary education includes rigorous content in literature, composition, linguistics and secondary teaching pedagogy. This program provides extensive preparation for meeting the needs of all student populations, including attention to levels of academic performance and cultural and linguistic diversity.

Students finish the program with Arizona Department of Education certification for middle and high school English language arts. Both a fingerprint clearance and a background check are required in the second year of the program.

In addition to the reviewing guidelines in the Concurrent Program Options section below, students interested in pursuing concurrent or second baccalaureate degrees in The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are advised to visit [The College's website](#) for more information and requirements.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** Yes
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2024 - 2025 Major Map](#)

[Major Map \(Archives\)](#)

Concurrent program options

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an [accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree](#) with:

[English Education, MA](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

Admission requirements

General university admission requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

A current ASU student has no additional requirements for changing majors.

Students should visit the [Change of Major form](#) for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use [MyPath2ASU®](#) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to

transfer.

ASU has [transfer partnerships](#) in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Analyze current and historic issues in connection to teaching English language arts in secondary schools.
- Develop curriculum using English language arts content and pedagogical practices.
- Develop lesson plans for English language integrating best practices for limiting common learning problems

Global opportunities

Global experience

Students wishing to pursue a future in education must understand the diverse sets of experiences, backgrounds and cultures that can shape the students in their classrooms. Students can gain firsthand experience of a wide range of cultures and communities when they enhance their English degree with a [Global Education program](#). With a diverse set of students and interests, the Department of English seeks to work with all students to create an international experience that meets their individual needs and goals.

In addition to providing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to build their skills in a unique environment, Global Education programs also help them stand out in the job market long after graduation.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends [these study abroad programs](#) for students majoring in English with a concentration in secondary education.

Career opportunities

Students graduating with a bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in secondary education have tremendous opportunities for employment. Certified teachers continue to be in high demand in Arizona, and Arizona State University provides more of these teachers than any other institution of higher education.

After student teaching in school districts in the greater Phoenix area or within one of the 22 Native American nations in the state, graduates are often hired to teach in the same school where they completed their internship.

Example job titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience and geographical location may affect pay scales. Some jobs also may require advanced degrees, certifications or state-specific licensure.

Career	*Growth	*Median salary
<u>Communications Specialist</u>	3.7%	\$73,150
<u>Editor</u>		\$73,080
<u>English Professor</u>	1.2%	\$74,280
<u>Freelance Writer</u>	3.7%	\$73,150
<u>High School Teacher</u>	1.0%	\$62,360
<u>Public Relations Specialist</u> ☀	6.1%	\$67,440
<u>Technical Writer</u> ☀	6.9%	\$79,960

* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

Contact information

[Schedule an advisor appointment](#)

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