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

Program Description

The BA in English with a concentration in secondary education focuses on 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 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.

https://thecollege.asu.edu/concurrent-and-second-baccalaureate-degrees

At a Glance

- **College/School:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Location:** Tempe
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** Yes
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• **Math Intensity:** General

**Required Courses (Major Map)**

[2022 - 2023 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 and master's degree with:

[English Education, MA](#)

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. During their junior year, eligible students are advised by their academic departments to apply.

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
[First-year](#) | [Transfer](#) | [International](#) | [Readmission](#)

**Change of Major Requirements**

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

Students should refer to [https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu](https://changemajor.apps.asu.edu) 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. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/MyPath2ASU).

**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 set of experiences, backgrounds and cultures that can shape the students in their classrooms. Students enhance their English degree with a study abroad program, in which they can gain firsthand experience of a wide range of cultures and communities. There are over 250 programs available, in countries like Brazil and Finland. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences recommends the following study abroad programs for students majoring in English with a concentration in secondary education: [https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/english](https://goglobal.asu.edu/students/major/english).

**Career Opportunities**

Students graduating with a bachelor's degree in English with a concentration in secondary education have tremendous opportunities for employment. With more than one million students in a state ranked seventh in the nation in population growth, the need for certified teachers in Arizona is self-evident. Arizona State University provides more of those teachers than any other institution of higher education.

In the last 15 years, ASU graduates have had their pick of teaching jobs around the valley and around the state. 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 in which they completed their internship.
New teachers continue to be in demand because the predicted rate of population growth in Arizona is still strong and the retirement rate of teachers is increasing.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* 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: [https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure](https://admission.asu.edu/academics/licensure).

**Contact Information**

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