Secondary Education (Biological Sciences), BAE

Middle and high school teachers help ignite minds, transform lives and strengthen communities. Programs at Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College offer a blend of classroom instruction and professional experiences that prepare you to ask the right questions, navigate uncertainty, and make a positive difference.

Program Description

The BAE in secondary education with a concentration in biology prepares students to educate learners in grades 6-12. Aligned with strong content knowledge of biological sciences, this program also focuses on integrating technology into teaching and provides the professional experience needed to develop teaching skills that lead to success in the classroom.

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College has developed a team-based approach to teacher preparation, allowing students to participate in professional experiences (internships and teaching residencies) with a team of peers while receiving guidance and support from ASU faculty members and highly qualified certified teachers. Team-based professional experiences are designed to prepare students to work with mutually supportive colleagues to address the academic and social-emotional needs of learners. The primary goal of professional experiences is to provide students with multiple opportunities to apply knowledge learned in coursework to practice in the classroom.

Students complete a series of internships prior to a semester-long full-time teaching residency. With the support of a certified mentor teacher and ASU faculty, students are able to practice what is learned during coursework in learning environments.

Graduates from this program earn a bachelor's degree in their content area and will receive an institutional recommendation from ASU that is recognized by the Arizona Department of Education for teacher certification in Secondary Education, 6-12. To be eligible for secondary certification in Arizona, students must also earn a passing score on the professional knowledge exam offered through the National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments.
At a Glance

- **College/School:** Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College
- **Location:** Polytechnic, Tempe, West Valley
- **Additional Program Fee:** No
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 170 - Precalculus
- **Math Intensity:** Moderate

Required Courses (Major Map)

2023 - 2024 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.

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.

Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Because of climate change, geopolitical instability or economic factors, the United Nations and other institutions predict that migration is expected to increase globally for the foreseeable future. Learners will be migrating to new communities. Increasingly, educators will be asked to meet the needs of students who speak languages other than English and who bring a range of cultures into classrooms and learning environments. Education students participating in study abroad programs can prepare for this reality by engaging in Global Education programs in which they can expand their notion of normal schooling and deepen their understanding of how to foster inclusive and inspiring learning environments.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College are highly sought out teachers in public, charter and private education institutions. The demand for well-prepared secondary teachers is strong, particularly in the areas of math and science. Job opportunities in a fast growing state such as Arizona are numerous.

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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Professionally 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.

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