

First-year student guide



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First-year student checklist

Apply to Arizona State University

students.asu.edu/apply

Send your transcripts to ASU

In the ASU application, you have the option to self-report your high school grades. If you choose not to use this option, you must have your high school send an official copy of your transcripts to ASU. If you have earned college or university credit, request to have your official transcripts sent to ASU from the issuing institution.

admission.asu.edu/apply/transcripts

Complete the FAFSA application

Fill out the optional Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine how much federal financial aid you're eligible to receive.

Arizona State University's federal school code is 001081.

fafsa.gov

Activate My ASU and your ASURITE user ID

You will receive your ASURITE user ID and activation code via email within one to three business days of submitting your application to ASU. Follow the included instructions to activate your ID.

my.asu.edu

Apply for scholarships

In addition to the FAFSA, another great resource for financial assistance is ASU's Scholarship Universe. All admitted students can access ASU's Scholarship Universe. There are scholarships for a wide range of talents, personal stories, creativity, and more. Scholarship Universe includes both ASU and non-ASU scholarships, so there's something for everyone.

Apply early to avoid missing deadlines!

asu.scholarshipuniverse.com

Pay your enrollment deposit

Beginning October 1, you can confirm your place in the incoming fall 2026 class by submitting your enrollment deposit.

Then, make sure to check your My ASU Priority Tasks regularly for any tasks or items you need to complete so you can enroll in courses and officially become a Sun Devil!

Tasks may include:

- Register to attend an Academic Orientation Session
- Confirm your housing preferences
- Take the math placement test
- Submit immunization records
- Complete or verify the FAFSA (if selected for verification)

my.asu.edu



Paying for college

Arizona State University's Mary Lou Fulton College for Teaching and Learning Innovation can help you financially support your college education while you attend one of the country's top-ranked colleges of education.

ASU scholarships and grants

More than 84% of ASU undergraduate students receive some form of financial aid, including Federal Pell Grants and scholarships.

Discover ASU aid options at admission.asu.edu/cost-aid

MLFC scholarships and grants

In addition to the academic and need-based scholarships ASU offers, MLFC also offers scholarships to students enrolled in an MLFC program. Explore all scholarships, including the MLFC ones, through ASU's Scholarship Universe at asu.scholarshipuniverse.com

Explore financial aid options and access ASU's Scholarship Universe and MLFC hosted webinars at education.asu.edu/paying-for-college

Submit the 2026-27 FAFSA

Visit fafsa.gov and submit your 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

Regardless of your family income, all students are encouraged to apply for the FAFSA. You might be surprised at what you're eligible to receive.

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Earn while at ASU

Several options are available for paid student worker positions while you attend ASU.

- Federal Work-Study is a need-based program that encourages community service work related to your course of study.
- ASU hourly employment is available throughout the year and new jobs are posted daily.

Learn more about ASU student employment opportunities at students.asu.edu/employment



Useful links for first-year students

Admission Services

admission.asu.edu/apply/first-year

Application assistance

admission.asu.edu/contact

My ASU

my.asu.edu

Student Accessibility and Inclusive Learning Services

eoss.asu.edu/accessibility

Scholarship Estimator

scholarships.asu.edu/estimator

Financial Aid and Scholarship Services

tuition.asu.edu

ASU Student Success Center

success.asu.edu

Student Employment Opportunities

students.asu.edu/employment



First-year student timeline

Summer 2025

ASU application opens for fall 2026 admission

Tip:

Need help with your admission or FAFSA application? Contact us and we'll be happy to assist.

Spring 2026

ASU's regular admission deadline is January 15, 2025. Students are encouraged to apply before the regular admission application deadline to be considered for need-based grants for fall

The priority deadline for 2026-27 FAFSA is in early spring

April 15 is the deadline for undergraduate students to apply for MLFC scholarships for the 2026-27 academic year

Fall 2025

The 2026-27 FAFSA application opens

Applications for MLFC scholarships open

ASU's priority admission application deadline is November 1

Tip:

ASU has a rolling admission process; applications will be accepted after the deadline, though scholarship eligibility may be affected.

Summer 2026

May 1 is Future Sun Devil Day! Pay the enrollment deposit to make your Sun Devil status official

Enjoy the summer and check your email and My ASU regularly for communications about the upcoming fall semester

Visit admission.asu.edu/apply/first-year/admission for the most up-to-date information and deadlines.



Undergraduate bachelor's degrees, minors and certificates

Bachelor's degrees leading to teacher certification

Degree with Arizona certification and endorsement information	Location
Early Childhood Education, BAE Early Childhood certification, birth–grade 3 or age 8 Structured English Immersion PK-12 endorsement	T S
★ Elementary Education, BAE Elementary Education certification, grades K–8	T W S O
Elementary Multilingual Education, BAE Elementary Education certification, grades K–8 Either bilingual education or English as a second language endorsement	T
★ Middle Grades Education, BAE Middle Grades Education certification, grades 5–9 Structured English Immersion PK-12 endorsement	T
★ Physical Education, BAE Physical Education certification, grades PK-12 Structured English Immersion PK-12 endorsement	T
★ Secondary Education, BAE Secondary Education certification, grades 6–12	T W S
★ Secondary Education (Biological Sciences), BAE Secondary Education certification, grades 6–12	T W
★ Secondary Education (English), BAE Secondary Education certification, grades 6–12	T W
★ Secondary Education (History), BAE Secondary Education certification, grades 6–12	T W
★ Secondary Education (Mathematics), BAE Secondary Education certification, grades 6–12	T W
★ Special Education, BAE Mild/Moderate Disabilities Special Education certification, grades PK–12	T S

Teacher certification process

Students who graduate with a bachelor's degree leading to teacher certification **receive an institutional recommendation from ASU for the listed teacher certification from the Arizona Department of Education.**

Endorsements are attachments to teaching certificates and indicate areas of specialization. Optional endorsements may be required by local governing boards.

Those desiring to teach in a public school must pass the appropriate educator exams (National Evaluation Series or Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessments) to be certified to teach in the state of Arizona. Visit azed.gov/educator-certification to learn more about educator certification in Arizona.

Bachelor's degrees, non-certification

Degree information	Location
★ Applied Science (Early Childhood Studies), BAS	
★ Educational Studies, BAE	
★ Educational Studies (Early Childhood Studies), BAE	
Educational Studies (Instructional Design), BAE	

- ★ Offered as an accelerated 4+1 program. The accelerated 4+1 program offers highly committed undergraduate students the option to combine undergraduate degree requirements with graduate coursework, allowing them to earn both a bachelor's and master's degree in less time.

“Mary Lou Fulton College’s student success coaching has been a significant resource in my college journey, offering personalized guidance and support to help me balance my academic responsibilities with my job. Additionally, the personalized faculty-student interactions have been invaluable, as professors take the time to understand my goals and provide feedback that directly supports my growth as an aspiring educator. These MLFC services have truly fostered my success and confidence throughout my academic experience.”

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Educational Studies
(Early Childhood Studies), BAE

Undergraduate minors and certificates

Program	Credential	Location
Behavior Analysis	Minor	
Bilingual Education and English as a Second Language	Certificate	
Early Childhood Education	Certificate	
Early Childhood Education	Minor	
Early Childhood Special Education	Certificate	
Educational Studies	Minor	
Elementary Education	Certificate	
Environmental Education	Certificate	
Instructional Design	Minor	
Mild/Moderate Special Education	Certificate	
Secondary Education	Certificate	

Students should collaborate with their academic advisor to determine their eligibility for programs.

Broaden your knowledge and expand your opportunities

Students in degree programs that lead to teacher certification can customize their degrees through two different types of specializations: certificate specializations and interest-area specializations.

Certificate specializations For students who would like to achieve an additional credential from an *external agency.	Interest-area specializations For students who would like to broaden their knowledge with additional classes outside of their major.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilingual Education or English as a Second Language Bilingual Education or English as a Second Language endorsement, grades PK–12 • Early Childhood Early Childhood Education certificate, birth–grade 3 or age 8 • Early Childhood Special Education Early Childhood Special Education certificate, birth–grade 3 • Elementary Education Elementary Education certificate, grades K–8 • Environmental Education Environmental Education certificate from the North American Association for Environmental Education • Mild/Moderate Special Education Mild/Moderate Special Education certificate, grades K–12 • Secondary Education Secondary Education certificate, grades 6–12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Languages • Athletic Coaching • Civic Engagement • Counseling • Family and Human Development • Global Studies • Indigenous Communities • Leadership • Personal Health and Wellness • Spanish • STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) • Student Welfare and Advocacy • Sustainability • Workforce Development

* The credentials (teaching certificate or endorsement) are awarded by the Arizona Department of Education, unless otherwise noted.

** Not all programs, certificates and interest area specializations are offered in all locations and modalities.

T **Tempe campus**
ASU's Tempe campus is home to Sun Devil Athletics and offers a bustling, classic-campus atmosphere.

W **West Valley campus**
ASU's West Valley campus boasts a small, close-knit environment in a beautiful campus setting.

S **ASU Sync**
ASU Sync provides students with live-hosted real time remote classes and offers the benefits of face-to-face instruction in an interactive online group learning environment.

O **ASU Online**
ASU Online features asynchronous online courses and provides high-quality online education to students from across the country and around the world.

Not sure which program is right for you?

Education Exploratory is an introductory program first-year students can take prior to declaring a major. Offered at the Tempe and West Valley campuses, this program allows first-year students to make an informed decision about which degree to pursue, while staying on track to graduate.



Housing at ASU

Live like a Sun Devil

Living at ASU promotes creative connections and innovation both inside and outside of the classroom, while providing a supportive, close-knit environment designed to set you up for success.

Live with others who share your major and career interests

First-year students live in residential college communities which feature programs, events and amenities tailored to your major. As a student at Mary Lou Fulton College, you will live, learn and experience ASU with fellow future educators.

Benefits of living on campus:

- A 24/7 community of support
- A residential experience that fosters personal development, meaningful engagement and life-long relationships
- Fully furnished rooms and community spaces
- All-inclusive living, including housing, utilities, cable and internet



Take the next step

Once you are admitted to ASU and have submitted your enrollment deposit, visit housing.asu.edu to reserve your housing in three simple steps:

1. Start your housing application by completing the housing license agreement
2. Use the housing portal to search for roommates
3. Complete your room and meal plan selection

Visit housing.asu.edu to submit your housing application, view amenities, floor plans and rates for each community.



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