



The Top 10 Reasons

We Are Arizona's First!

Number 10. We're good for the state. In the last five years, the University of Arizona College of Education awarded more than 3,000 undergraduate and graduate degrees, including teachers, of course, but also researchers, counselors, school psychologists, special education teachers, principals, and superintendents — just to name a few.

Number 9. We're good for the economy and a good ROI. For every dollar we invest in tenure and tenure-stream faculty salaries, there is a return of \$1.42 in grant and contract revenue alone. These benefits are compounded by the hundreds of highly qualified education professionals we prepare for Arizona yearly.

Number 8. We have a diverse student body. Nearly 27 percent of our undergraduate and graduate students are minorities.

Number 7. We have a diverse faculty. About 23 percent of our college's faculty is made up of minorities (16 percent of which is Hispanic).

Number 6. We partner with school districts throughout the state and beyond. Here's just one example: We won a sizeable grant from the U.S. Department of Education to run a regional center charged with assisting public schools in areas of race and gender and promoting equal opportunities in education. This is the first time an Arizona university will operate the Equity Assistance Center, which serves California, Nevada, and Arizona — more than 1,200 school districts.

Number 5. Our alumni are known throughout the world! Think that's an exaggeration? Check this out: Just about everyone knows Big Bird, Elmo, and the Cookie Monster. Because of *Sesame Street's* worldwide reach — it's shown in more than 120 countries — the program is considered the world's largest educator. What you may not know is that its creator, Joan Ganz Cooney, is one of our grads!

Number 4. We're home to the state's only programs to prepare rehabilitation counselors and educators of the deaf and blind. Our college is dedicated to the empowerment and inclusion of culturally diverse people of all ages with disabilities and special abilities.

Number 3. We engage some of the world's very best thinkers. These are the researchers who tirelessly work to alleviate some of the toughest problems facing education today. One way we're poised to address these problems is through a consortium — ACES — that involves close collaboration with six other UA colleges. The consortium nurtures innovations to impact students, educators, and schools in Arizona, the nation, and the world. This powerful group delivers unique solutions, such as the Wildcat School, Arizona's first university-affiliated charter school, which focuses on math and science.

Number 2. Our UCATS program is a model for teacher preparation for the country. Here's how it works: In the semester before student teaching, students take all of their methods courses at a local school. This not only orients students to their chosen field, it gives them the opportunity to apply what they are learning in a real classroom with real children. By the time our students graduate, they will have spent an entire year in a local public school.

And the Number 1 reason the
UA College of Education
— founded in 1922 —
is Arizona's first ...

Number 1. Education is central to the American Dream. It allows any individual, no matter the background or heritage, to achieve. It also supports community development and economic growth and raises the quality of life and standards of living in our country.

Join the UA College of Education as we chart a course for learning and evolve the face of teaching through a range of research and scholarship... As we create a community that nurtures every child's readiness to learn... As we reach out beyond the boundaries of our college and extend our services, knowledge, and creative activities to the state, the nation, and the world... As we prepare exemplary teachers, administrators, and mentors who can show children how to define the world in their own terms.

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