

FSU-TEACH

If you've ever thought about teaching science or mathematics, then FSU-Teach is for you! FSU-Teach is an innovative approach to teacher education that relies on collaboration between scientists, mathematicians and education faculty at Florida State University. The Colleges of Arts & Sciences and Education have partnered in this program to simultaneously prepare students for careers in science and mathematics fields and science and mathematics teaching. Local area schools also collaborate with FSU-Teach to provide real-life experiences for FSU students throughout the program.

Students graduating from the FSU-Teach program will have science or mathematics knowledge on par with their peers in the College of Arts & Sciences and the teaching knowledge, skill and experience needed to be an effective science or math teacher.

Introduction to the Classroom

- Students who decide to participate in FSU-Teach begin with two introductory classes that are free of charge and offer the chance to explore teaching in a local K-12 school using research-based lessons. Education courses throughout the program continue this focus on teaching science or math using the public school setting for real-life experiences.

Coursework

- Students from FSU-Teach will graduate with a double major — one in a content area, such as biology or math, and one in teaching. Coursework for FSU-Teach students is complete and rigorous in both majors; however, it still allows for graduation in four years.

Support Via Master Teachers

- Master teachers are FSU faculty members who are veteran teachers of grades 6-12. They teach courses and coordinate/support real-life teaching experiences for FSU-Teach students. Master teachers mentor FSU-Teach students from their entrance into the program to post graduation and are accessible to the students as a consistent source of support.

There's never been a better time to try out science or math teaching!



Support Via Mentor Teachers

- Mentor teachers are teachers currently teaching in K-12 schools who help FSU-Teach students with feedback on lesson planning, teaching strategies, classroom management and other important issues that teachers face in today's classrooms.

Support Via FSU-Teach Faculty

- Faculty members from both the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education work closely with the FSU-Teach students. These faculty members all share an avid interest in K-12 education though their areas of expertise may vary widely.

A Unique University Experience

- FSU-Teach students form a close community in which they can share experiences of college life through many special university resources devoted to them. They continue to support each other after graduation through a network that is part of the FSU-Teach new teacher induction program.

After Graduation

- FSU-Teach provides continued support for its graduates by offering face-to-face and/or online support through regularly scheduled professional development to help them overcome challenges in the classroom.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will I graduate with a complete degree in science or mathematics and be able to go into a science or mathematics profession if I decide not to pursue a teaching career?

Yes. A graduate from FSU-Teach will be able to pursue professional options or graduate degrees in either the content major or the teaching major.

What makes FSU-Teach different from other teacher preparation programs?

From the very first course, FSU-Teach offers students the opportunity to teach in real K-12 classrooms! Students get a chance to see if the classroom is the place for them and if teaching is an option for a future profession. The close and constant support by master teachers, mentor teachers and FSU faculty members during and after the university experience is a unique facet of this program, as are special resources devoted to FSU-Teach students by the university. Completing all the coursework in four years with a double major makes FSU-Teach different from many other teacher preparation programs.

How often will I be teaching in a public classroom?

FSU-Teach students have K-12 teaching experiences throughout most of their teaching (pedagogy) courses. During these experiences students receive important feedback, mentoring and support from both mentor and master teachers.

Will I complete a “student teaching” requirement?

Yes. It is called Apprentice Teaching and is completed during the last semester before graduation. Students are placed in a grade 6-12 classroom and work with the classroom teacher for the semester. It is an extended teaching experience that is very valuable to future teaching professionals.

Will I have support when I go into the classroom?

Yes! Master teachers, mentor teachers, and university facilitators are part of the school-based experiences in the program. FSU-Teach students may be paired with other students in the program for some of these teaching assignments.

Do the FSU-Teach courses meet the state requirements for teaching?

Yes. The course of study will be approved by the Florida Department of Education.

Will I be prepared to take the Florida Teacher Certification Exams (FTCE) when I complete the coursework?

Yes. The coursework in the program prepares a student to take the required exams that are part of the teacher certification process. (Please note that a student who graduates from the program is not automatically certified to teach, as is true for all teaching degrees. Students must complete the state licensing process, but the FSU-Teach new teacher program will help them through it.)

Can I enter the FSU-Teach program if I am not a freshman?

Yes. FSU-Teach has an outline of studies for students entering at any point in their academic career; however, those making the decision as freshmen or sophomores will be able to best streamline their program of studies.

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