“We encourage you to consider becoming a K-12 science or mathematics teacher. Choosing to join the noblest profession is an important decision to influence and touch the lives of hundreds of California’s future leaders. You have already shown that you possess the intellect, determination, and drive to join the ranks of some of the most brilliant minds in our society. Now we want to encourage you to share these qualities by joining those who work to inspire and educate future generations.”

- Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor of California
- Robert C. Dynes, President, University of California

“I love seeing the response I get from helping other people. In my opinion, it is one of the greatest feelings in life to be admired and respected for teaching others something they do not know. This is the very reason why I want to teach as my career.” — J. F.

**CONSIDER A CAREER AS A MATH OR SCIENCE TEACHER**

**UCLA California Teach**

**UCLA California Teach** is a collaborative academic program between the College of Letters and Science and the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies.

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“**The best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. The second best is today**”

Ancient Chinese proverb
California’s children are among the worst in the U.S. in their knowledge and abilities in both mathematics and science. California’s 8th graders, scored LAST in the country in science and seventh from the bottom in mathematics.

Only 4% of 9th graders in California schools now go on to complete a bachelor’s degree in science, mathematics, or engineering.

Statewide, 25% to 35% of California’s science and mathematics teachers either have no credentials or are not qualified. California has a shortage of more than 2,000 mathematics teachers, 1,000 life science teachers, and 1,000 physical science teachers.

Projections indicate that more than 30% of California’s teacher workforce will be eligible to retire in the next decade.

### Why Should You Consider a Career as a Science or Math Teacher?

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### What is California Teach?

Our goal is to encourage and support students who are interested in exploring K-12 math or science teaching. Our courses include 30 hours of observation, participation, and assisting in K-12 schools and seminars to support those field experiences.

#### Student Benefits

- **Paid field experience in elementary, middle and high school classrooms.**
- **Guided exploration of teaching as a career.**
- **Advising for students exploring and preparing for teaching careers.**
- **Support for subject matter preparation.**

### Who Can Apply?

Students planning to major in Science, Math, or Engineering. Ideally, you should begin your California Teach involvement in your first or second year (transfer students welcome) with a Winter Quarter course, but many pathways are available. All students should make an appointment for personalized advising on pursuing teaching as a career.

### What are Students Saying?

"Before taking CaTeach, I sincerely felt that becoming a doctor was the most noble job out there, but now, I really have to put teacher right up there." - L. L.

"Overall, the whole experience was terrific. I liked it because it was a hands-on experience which is rarely given in college. I actually got to go into a classroom, design a lesson, and teach it to students.” - H. T.

“I went into this program thinking that I was only in it for the money and experience. I have come out of this program seriously considering being a teacher in the future because I loved the experience.” - K. H.

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