

## PCC Has Six Campuses and Three Learning Centers to Choose From!



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[www.pima.edu](http://www.pima.edu)

## IMPORTANT WEB RESOURCES

[www.azed.gov/hsgraduation](http://www.azed.gov/hsgraduation) Arizona Department of Education  
[www.pima.edu](http://www.pima.edu) Pima Community College

### College Searches

[www.metedu.org](http://www.metedu.org) Regional College Access Center; also has scholarship and financial aid information  
[www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org) Help planning for college and career destinations; college search through a link to the College Board database

### College Admission Testing

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) Register for the SAT® Reasoning and/or SAT® Subject Tests; find SAT® questions and advance placement exams, and data on more than 3,000 two- and four-year colleges.  
[www.act.org](http://www.act.org) Register for the ACT® and try sample questions.

### Financial Aid and Scholarships

[www.pima.edu/scholarships](http://www.pima.edu/scholarships) Learn about Pima Community College Foundation scholarships; complete one application that will screen you for all the available assistance you qualify for.  
[azgrants.az.gov](http://azgrants.az.gov) Arizona State Financial Aid  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application online or request a form to be mailed to you.  
[studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov) Complete a FREE application for federal student aid and read other important information about financial aid.  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) FREE scholarship service  
[www.gocollege.com](http://www.gocollege.com) FREE scholarship service

### NCAA

[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) Guidelines and registration forms for college-bound student-athletes  
[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) Eligibility requirements posted for college-bound student-athletes

### Jobs and Careers

[www.bls.gov/OCO](http://www.bls.gov/OCO)  
[www.azcis.intocareers.org](http://www.azcis.intocareers.org)

**You Can Do It!**



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# How to Get to COLLEGE



## YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

A college degree can help you reach your dreams of being a teacher, astronaut, doctor, nurse, athlete, scientist or whatever you want to be. Plan early and follow the steps in each grade level.

## WHAT CLASSES DO I NEED TO TAKE? (Ninth through 12th Grades)

The Arizona state university system requires the following college preparatory pattern of classes for admission. Some area high schools, such as Salpointe Catholic and Empire, have additional requirements.



### Subject Requirements Minimum Standards

Subject	High School	Pima Community College and ASU, NAU and UA
English	4 credits total; one each for freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years	4 years of college preparatory English
Mathematics	4 credits - Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and 1 more Math credit	4 years, including Algebra 1-2, Geometry, Algebra 3-4 and advanced math for which Algebra 3-4 is a prerequisite
Science	1 credit - Biology by end of sophomore year (Class of 2015)	3 years, including Chemistry-Physics, Biology and Chemistry, Physics or Earth Science
Social Studies	3 credits - American Government, American History and Economics (Class of 2015)	2 years must include American History
Foreign Language	2 years of the same foreign language (Optional Class of 2015)	2 years of the same Foreign Language
Fine Arts/Practical Arts/Vocational Education	1 credit (Class of 2015)	1 year of a Fine Art
Physical Education	1 credit (Class of 2015)	None
Health Education	.5 credits (Class of 2015)	None
Electives	6.5 credits (Class of 2015)	
<b>TOTAL ELECTIVES</b>	<b>23 credits</b>	<b>16 Core Courses</b>
Test Requirements		ACT® or SAT® test
<b>Other</b>		3.0 unweighted Core GPA or 22 ACT® or 1040 SAT® (Critical Reading & Math)

## Transferring from Pima [www.pima.edu/transfer](http://www.pima.edu/transfer)

If you're planning to transfer to a four-year college or university, the work you complete at Pima Community College will put you well on your way to earning your bachelor's degree. Here's how:

**PCC's transfer partnerships:** The credits you earn at Pima are accepted by your target college or university.

**Arizona General Education Curriculum Certificate:** Earn a certificate with either an Arts, Business or Sciences concentration by completing courses that meet lower division general education requirements for UA, NAU, ASU and other institutions, as well as the general education requirements for Pima's transfer degrees.

The AGEC-A (Arts), AGEC-B (Business) and AGEC-S (Sciences) have the same categories - English Composition, Humanities and Fine Arts, Biological and Physical Sciences, Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, as well as courses that meet special requirements for Intensive Writing and Critical Inquiry, Cultural Diversity and Global Awareness -- with specific required courses to fulfill those categories.

**Degrees for transfer:** For students pursuing an AGEC, the College strongly recommends they also complete the Associate of Arts, Associate of Fine Arts, Associate of Business Administration or Associate of Science degrees before transferring.

## HOW WILL I PAY FOR COLLEGE?

- PCC tuition and fees are among the lowest in the nation among two-year public community colleges.
- You may qualify for financial aid ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)).
- If you earn good grades in high school, meet financial need requirements and are an Arizona resident, you may be eligible for a Pell Grant ([www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov)), which you do not have to repay.

## HOW CAN FAMILIES HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED?

- Help your children with homework and meet with teachers and counselors to discuss coursework that will prepare your children for college.
- Talk to your children about careers that they are interested in and any colleges they would like to attend.
- Research financial aid, scholarships and grants. Consider opening a college savings account at ScholarShare ([www.scholarshare.com](http://www.scholarshare.com)).
- Identify colleges and universities where your children can take campus tours and get information about programs, admission requirements and financial aid.



## Follow the steps at each grade level

### Sixth & Seventh Grades

- Talk to your school counselor about courses that will prepare you for college.
- Complete a college prep English course.
- Take mathematics courses, such as pre-Algebra.

### Eighth Grade

- Take Algebra I.
- Take a language other than English.
- Research the courses and grades required for admission to various colleges.

### Ninth Grade

- Take required courses that meet college admission standards. These may include Algebra I, Geometry, college prep English and a foreign language.
- Prepare for college entrance exams.

### Tenth Grade

- Take Geometry or Algebra II.
- Take college prep English.
- Take ACT<sup>®</sup> PLAN<sup>®</sup>, which helps you prepare for the ACT<sup>®</sup>.
- Participate in enrichment programs and summer workshops in such subjects as music, science, engineering, writing and filmmaking.
- Prepare for college entrance exams.

### 11th Grade

- With your school counselor, review the classes you need to take to meet college admission standards, including Algebra II or advanced math and English with emphasis on writing and critical reading.
- If you are taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes, you should register to take your AP exams in the spring. You can earn college credit for AP courses if you score well on the test(s).
- October: Register for the Preliminary SAT<sup>®</sup>/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test<sup>®</sup>, a practice exam for the SAT<sup>®</sup> that also makes you eligible for a National Merit Scholarship.
- Register for the ACT<sup>®</sup> ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)) or the SAT<sup>®</sup> ([www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)) early. If you take the exam in the spring or summer, you will get the results in time to see if you need to retake it in the fall. Some universities require you to take the ACT<sup>®</sup> or the SAT<sup>®</sup> by October of your senior year.

### 12th Grade

- Take English and other courses required for Arizona state university admission. Advanced math courses, such as Trigonometry or Analytic Geometry/Calculus, also are recommended.
- Take a 12th grade mathematics course with a prerequisite of Algebra or Algebra II to improve your math skills.
- Early September: Register for the October ACT<sup>®</sup> ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)) or SAT<sup>®</sup> ([www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)); apply for scholarships (Check with your counselor or career center for information.)
- Early November: Register for the December ACT<sup>®</sup> or SAT<sup>®</sup> if you are retaking the exam.
- January-March: Apply for financial aid ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)). You can submit as early as Jan. 1.
- March-May: Register for any college assessment tests, unless you are exempt.
- Late Spring: Students taking AP classes should take the AP exams. You can earn college credit for AP courses if you score well on the tests.

High school grades don't transfer to PCC, and PCC grades don't transfer to four-year colleges or universities. Only eligible credits transfer.

## HOW IMPORTANT ARE GRADES?

- If your grade point average (GPA) in college preparatory courses taken in 10th through 12th grades is 3.0 or above, you automatically meet the minimum eligibility requirements for most programs.
- If your GPA is between 2.0 and 3.0, your eligibility depends on your GPA in combination with your ACT<sup>®</sup> or SAT<sup>®</sup> test score.

## WHAT WILL HELP ME SUCCEED?

- Develop a good relationship with your high school counselor.
- Visit [www.pima.edu](http://www.pima.edu) for information on admission, financial aid, majors, campus virtual tours, student services and more.
- PCC Upward Bound Programs at the Downtown, East, Desert Vista and Northwest campuses have information on admissions, campus virtual tours, student services, and more!



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