

How to get to college



PimaCommunityCollege

Keep striving.

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. See other side for details.

What classes do I need to take?

The Arizona state university system requires a college preparatory pattern of classes for admission. Follow that same track to take your first two years of courses at Pima Community College, then transfer to a college or university. See other side for Subject Requirements Minimum Standards.

Glossary

Advisor: Provides information on general registration and academic needs

Admissions counselor: Provides information on applying to the College, taking next steps and resources

Program advisor: Provides in-depth advising on your program and career options

Placement coach: Provides guidance and resources on placement exams

Course: A plan of study on a particular subject

Class: A course taught by a specific instructor and meeting regularly at a specific time and location

Credit/Credit hour: the value awarded for successfully completing a course, related to the frequency and duration of a class, usually ranging from one to three credits

Subject Requirements Minimum Standards

SUBJECT	PIMA AND ASU, NAU AND UA
English	4 years of college preparatory English
Mathematics	4 years, including Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry and an advanced math class for which Algebra 2 is a prerequisite
Science	3 years, including Chemistry-Physics, Biology and Chemistry, Physics or Earth Science
Social Studies	2 years; must include American History
Foreign Language	2 years of the same Foreign Language
Fine Arts/Practical Arts/Vocational Education	1 year of a Fine Art Education
Physical Education	None
Health Education	None
TOTAL ELECTIVES	16 CORE COURSES
Test Requirements	ACT* or SAT* test
Other	3.0 unweighted Core GPA or 22 ACT* or 1040 SAT* (Critical Reading & Math)

How will I pay for college?

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

- Pima tuition and fees are among the lowest in the nation among two-year public community colleges.
- You may qualify for financial aid (fafsa.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 (FAFSA4caster.ed.gov), which you do not have to repay.
- Pima and various local, state and national scholarships are available to help you pay for school (pima.edu/scholarships).

How can families help students succeed?

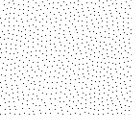
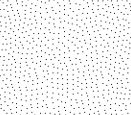
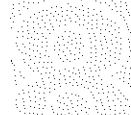
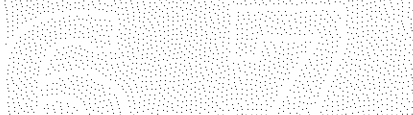
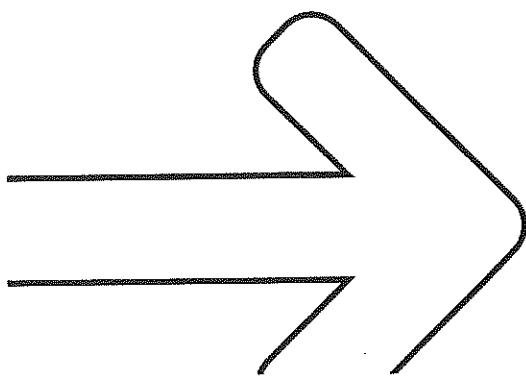
- Help your children with homework and meet with teachers and counselors to discuss coursework that will prepare your children for college.
- Talk to your children about careers that they are interested in and any colleges they would like to attend.
- Consider opening a college savings account early.
- Help your children learn about financial aid, scholarships and grants. Make sure they have all of your tax and income information they need to apply.
- Identify colleges and universities where your children can take campus tours.

8th Grade

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

6th & 7th 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.



What will help me succeed?

- Develop a good relationship with your high school counselor.
- Qualified students at participating high schools may take select Pima courses for dual enrollment credit. Talk to your high school representative to learn how dual enrollment classes can help you.
- Visit pima.edu for information on admission, financial aid, majors, student services and more.
- Pima for Youth noncredit classes promote a college-going culture. (pima.edu/youth)
- Federal TRIO programs (Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound) at various Pima campuses give high school students access to college-readiness activities, including college and university tours and field trips. See your high school counselor.

10th Grade

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

9th Grade

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

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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® or SAT® test score.
- Pima uses Multiple Measures - your high school transcript information and/or any test scores (ACT®, AzMERIT®, SAT®, etc.) - to establish your initial placement into Mathematics, Reading and Writing courses. Or you can take Accuplacer Placement Test(s). The college uses whichever method provides a higher placement.

11th Grade

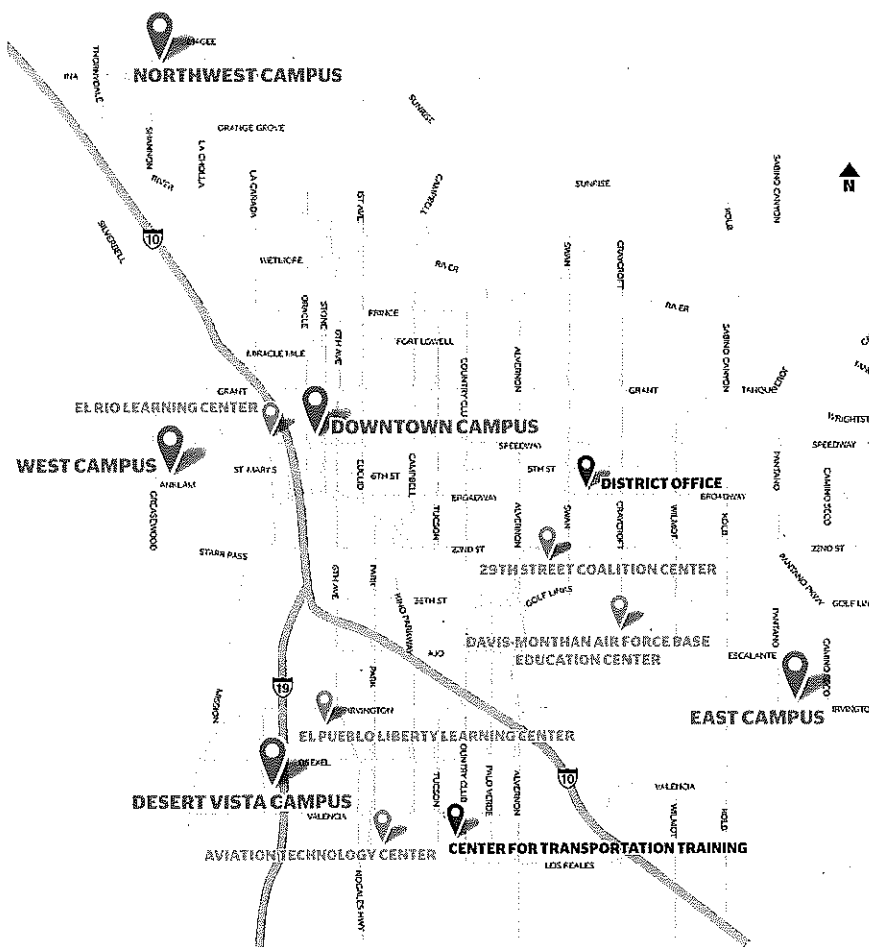
- ▶ With your school counselor, review the classes you need to take to meet college admission standards, including Algebra II or advanced math and English with emphasis on writing and critical reading.
- ▶ If you are taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes, you should register to take your AP exams. You can earn college credit for AP courses if you score well on the test(s).
- ▶ Register for the Preliminary SAT®/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test®, a practice exam for the SAT® that also makes you eligible for a National Merit Scholarship.
- ▶ Register for the ACT® (actstudent.org) or SAT® (sat.org); the earlier the better. Some universities require you to take the ACT® or the SAT® 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.
- ▶ If you haven't yet registered for the ACT® (actstudent.org) or SAT® (sat.org), do so now.
- ▶ Apply for scholarships. See your counselor or career center for information.
- ▶ Take the ACT® or SAT® exam if you must retake the exam, do so.
- ▶ Apply for financial aid (fafsa.gov) as soon as you can.
- ▶ Register for any college placement tests, unless you are exempt.
- ▶ If you are taking AP classes, take the AP exams. You can earn college credit for AP courses if you score well on the tests.

We're in your NEIGHBORHOOD!

Pima has **campuses** and **Learning Centers** across town for you to choose from!



IMPORTANT WEB RESOURCES

State and Local Information

- pima.edu Pima Community College; admissions, courses, degrees and certificates, and other information
- azed.gov Arizona Department of Education; details on state standards at each grade and testing
- arizonaatwork.com Arizona@Work; services and resources for job seekers to pursue employment opportunities
- des.az.gov/services/employment/arizona-rehabilitation-services Arizona Department of Economic Security Vocational Rehabilitation Program ("Voc Rehab"); services and supports for people with disabilities to help them meet their employment goals
- jobpath.net Job Path, Inc.; holistic support services to get impoverished people into viable career paths that lead to high-wage local jobs

College Searches

- metedu.org/hcac/ Regional College Access Center; resources for preparing, paying for and graduating college, and developing career skills, plus scholarship and financial aid information
- mappingyourfuture.org Help planning for college and career destinations; college search through a link to the College Board database

College Admission Testing

- collegeboard.com SAT® Reasoning and/or SAT® Subject Tests registration; sample questions and advance placement exams, and data on more than 3,000 two- and four-year colleges.
- act.org ACT® exam registration; try sample questions

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- pima.edu/scholarships Pima Community College Foundation scholarships; complete one application that will screen you for all the available assistance you qualify for.
- azgrants.az.gov Arizona State Financial Aid
- fafsa.gov Free Application for Federal Student Aid application; or request a form to be mailed to you.
- fastweb.com FREE scholarship service
- gocollege.com FREE scholarship service

NCAA

- ncaa.org Guidelines and registration forms for college-bound student athletes
- ncaaclearinghouse.net Eligibility requirements for college-bound student athletes

Jobs and Careers

- azcls.intocareers.org Arizona Career Information Center; explore careers and college requirements
- onetonline.org O*NET OnLine; explore careers and occupational requirements

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