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GENERAL REGULATION (AR 2.1)

1. General Statement

Compliance with Policies, Rules, Regulations

Every student is expected to know and comply with all current published policies, rules and regulations as stated in the college catalog, class schedule, and/or student handbook. Documents are available on each college's website.

Policies, courses, programs, fees and requirements may be suspended, deleted, restricted, supplemented or changed through action of the Governing Board of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

The Maricopa Community Colleges reserve the right to change, without notice, any materials, information, curriculum, requirements and regulations.

Note: The regulations that comprise the student section contain language that appears in various sources such as the Catalog Common Pages and the Student Handbook. All areas became Administrative Regulations with the 1996 adoption of the Governance Model. Changes are made annually either through the Administrative Regulations approval process, or by Board approval for those items that fall under its statutory duty, such as Tuition and Fees. In an effort to prevent duplication, topics in this section may be incorporated by reference, as they are featured in other areas of the manual and are noted accordingly.

The Maricopa Community Colleges Vision, Mission and Values that are featured in the Common Pages are a part of approved Governing Board Policy and are located in the policy section of the manual. As such, the following statement related to Outcomes Assessment that appears in the Common Pages is presented here as a general statement.

2. Outcomes Assessment

The mission of the Maricopa Community Colleges is to create and continuously improve affordable, accessible, and effective learning environments for the lifelong educational needs of the diverse communities we serve. In order to evaluate how successfully Maricopa Community Colleges accomplish this mission, student outcomes will be assessed as part of the continuous improvement process.

Students may be asked to participate in a variety of assessment activities at each college. Assessment results will be used to improve educational programs, services and student learning.

ADMISSION/ REGISTRATION/ENROLLMENT

ADMISSION POLICY (AR 2.2.1)

Persons meeting the admissions criteria may attend any Maricopa Community College of their choice. Falsification of any admission materials or official college records may be cause for denial or cancellation of admission. Exceptions to the admissions policies may be requested through the Admissions and Standards Committee. Admission is determined in accordance with state law (A.R.S. §15-1805.01, 15-1821) and regulations of the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board.

ADMISSION CLASSIFICATIONS

1. Admission of Regular Students

Admission to the community college in Arizona may be granted to any person who meets at least one of the following criteria:

- A. Is a graduate of a high school, which is accredited by a regional accrediting association as defined by the United States Office of Education or approved by a State Department of Education or other appropriate state educational agency.
- B. Has a high school certificate of equivalency.
- C. Is at least 18 years of age and demonstrates evidence of potential success in the community college.
- D. Is a transfer student in good standing from another college or university.

2. Admission of Students Under 18 Years of Age

A. Admission to the community colleges in Arizona shall be granted to any student who is under age 18 and who completes any one of the following requirements:

- i. a composite score of 93 or more on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).
- ii. a composite score of 930 or more on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).
- iii. a composite score of twenty-two or more on the American College Test (ACT).
- iv. a passing score on the relevant portions of the Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards test (AIMS).
- v. the completion of a college placement test designated by the community college district that indicates the student is at the appropriate college level for the course.
- vi. is a graduate of a private or public high school or has a high school certificate of equivalency.



- B. A community college may limit the number of semester hours in which the student may enroll to not more than six (6) credit hours.
- C. Home schooled students are exempt from this sub-section.
- D. A student shall not be denied admission because of age, lack of a high school diploma or high school certificate of equivalency, grade in school, lack of permission of school officials or lack of concurrent enrollment in a public or private school, if the student has achieved at least a specified score on a college entrance examination.

3. **Specialized Vocational / Training Program**

Students who enroll in Vocational Courses may be admitted on an individual basis with the approval of college officials if the student meets the established requirements of the courses for which the student enrolls and the college officials determine that the student's admission is in the best interest of the student.

4. **Western Undergraduate Exchange Program**

The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program is a student exchange program coordinated by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE), and administered by the Arizona Board of Regents. Through WUE, students who reside in western states (Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming) and meet the eligibility requirements pay 150 percent of the regular resident tuition plus fees. Students must mark prominently on the Student Information Form that they seek admission as WUE students. Students may not apply as out-of-state students and expect to receive the WUE tuition rate after admitted. Once admitted as WUE students, students may not petition for in-state residency. Further information may be obtained from the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services.

5. **Admission of F-1 Nonimmigrant Students**

Prospective students should contact the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services or designated office for the international student application form(s). When completed, the form(s) should be returned to the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services or the International Education office with all requested supporting documents. After the file has been reviewed, a notice will be sent to the applicant indicating either acceptance or denial of admission.

To be guaranteed consideration for admission, all application materials must be received by July 1 for the fall semester and November 1 for the spring semester.

Prospective students seeking admission based on F-1 nonimmigrant status must provide proof of secondary school completion with documentation comparable to a United States high school diploma or higher degree. It is recommended that F-1 nonimmigrant students have graduated in the upper 50% of their secondary school (high school or equivalent) in order to ensure success in academic classes at this college. Applicants for admission to the college must have high school and college (if applicable) transcripts sent directly from the high school or college to the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services or designated office. In addition, it is the applicant's responsibility to have all transcripts translated into English and evaluated by a foreign credential evaluation service if necessary.

A. **Admission to Academic Programs**

Applicants who wish to enroll in an academic program at the college must present evidence of English language proficiency. If the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is used to satisfy this requirement, the applicant must attain a score of at least 500 (on the paper-based TOEFL) or 61 (on the internet-based TOEFL, known as the iBT). If the International Language Testing System (IELTS) is used to satisfy this requirement, an IELTS overall Band Score of 5.5 or better is required, and a minimum IELTS individual Band Score of 5.0 on each module is recommended. The dean or director of admission and records of the college may accept other proof of English language proficiency for admissions purposes, such as the ASSET, ACCUPLACER, COMPASS or CELSA tests.

B. **Admission to an Intensive English Program**

Applicants for admission to an Intensive English Program are advised to check with individual colleges for their respective admission requirements. Applicants must provide evidence of at least an intermediate command of English by way of one or more of the following criteria:

- i. At least six years of English language instruction as shown by the applicant's school transcript(s);
- ii. A minimum TOEFL score of 400 (on the paper-based TOEFL) or 23 (on the internet-based TOEFL);
- iii. An original letter of recommendation from a teacher, school principal or headmaster/headmistress, or the director of an English language institute attesting to the applicant's proficiency at the intermediate level;
- iv. Other credentials, test scores, interview results, or evidence accepted by the coordinator of an intensive English program or the college's responsible designee. Students admitted to an Intensive English Program will not be allowed to enroll in courses outside those officially designated as part of the program unless and until they have met all of the prerequisites or other course requirements.
- e. Foreign students under certain types of visas may need special permission to enroll and should contact the appropriate college official.



C. Financial Support

Evidence of financial support will be required prior to issuance of the I-20 form. The colleges have no scholarship or financial aid provisions for foreign students; therefore, students must be fully prepared to meet the necessary financial obligations for the full time they will be in the United States. The colleges estimate a student's average expenses for 10 months to be:

Tuition and fees:	\$7,690	1
Living Expenses:	10,140	2
Books:	1,200	3
Health Insurance:	1,000	4
Total	\$20,030	5

D. Dependent Financial Guarantee

Evidence of financial support for dependents of F-1 students (spouse and dependent children) is also required: \$5,000 for the first dependent and \$2,500 for each additional dependent.

E. Health Insurance

All F-1 students who have an I-20 issued by one of the Maricopa Community Colleges are required to purchase the Maricopa Community Colleges' international student health insurance plan. Health insurance coverage for dependents of F-1 students is highly recommended. The Maricopa Community Colleges contracts with an insurance provider annually to offer a health insurance plan for F-1 students. For more information contact the college Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services or designated international student office.

Footnotes:

(1) Based on 2011-2012 tuition and fee schedule.

(2) Based on estimated living expenses for two (2) semesters (10 months).

(3) Based on average new and used textbook prices. Assumes books are sold at the end of the semester.

(4) Based on 2009-2010 insurance premium for the mandatory Maricopa Community Colleges' International Student Health Plan.

(5) Applicants must provide evidence of this minimum amount of financial support before an I-20 is issued.

ADMISSION INFORMATION (AR 2.2.2)

Students must file a Student Information Form with the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services at the college of attendance. There is no charge for this service.

1. Student Status

1. Freshman - A student who has completed fewer than 30 credit hours in 100-level courses and above.
2. Sophomore - A student who has completed 30 credit hours or more in 100-level courses and above.
3. Unclassified - A student who has earned an associate degree or higher.

2. Student Identification Number

Disclosure of the social security number is voluntary (A.R.S. §15-1823). However, students must use social security numbers for reporting information pertaining to potential educational tax credits and for processing federal financial aid applications and Veterans Administration benefits.

3. Residency for Tuition Purposes (Appendix S-1)

All students are classified for tuition purposes under one of the following residency classifications:

1. Maricopa County resident
2. Out-of-County resident
3. Out-of-State resident (including F-1 non-immigrant students)
4. Unclassified, Out-of-County, Out-of-State (1-6 credit hours system-wide)

Residency for tuition purposes is determined in accordance with state law (A.R.S. §15-1801, 15-1802, 151802.01, 15-1803, et. seq.) and regulations of the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board. All of the Maricopa Community Colleges are subject to the above statutes and regulations. Students who have questions about their residency should contact the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services for clarification.



A. Implementation

- i. Domicile status must be established before the student registers and pays fees. It is the student's responsibility to register under the correct domicile status.
- ii. Enforcement of domicile requirements shall be the responsibility of the Chancellor of the Maricopa Community Colleges. The Chancellor has charged the Director of Admissions and Records or other designee at each college to make the initial domicile classification. In determining a student's classification, the college may consider all evidence, written or oral, presented by the student and any other information received from any source which is relevant to determining classification. The college may request written sworn statements or sworn testimony of the student.
- iii. A request for review of the initial classification may be made to a District review committee. The request must be in writing, signed by the student and accompanied by a sworn statement of all facts relevant to the matter. The request must be filed with the admissions officer of the college within ten days of receipt of notification of classification as a non-resident. **Failure to properly file a request for review within the prescribed time limit constitutes a waiver of review for the current enrollment period.** The decision of the review committee shall be final.

B. Definitions

- i. "Armed Forces of the United States" means the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Services, the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, the National Guard, or any military reserve unit of any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States.
- ii. "Continuous attendance" means enrollment at one of Maricopa Community Colleges as a full-time or part-time student for a normal academic year since the beginning of the period for which continuous attendance is claimed. Students need not attend summer sessions or other such intersession beyond the normal academic year in order to maintain continuous attendance.
- iii. "Maricopa County resident" means an individual who has lived in Maricopa county for at least fifty (50) days before the first day of classes of the semester. In-State Residency must be established prior to county residency for those moving from other states. Refer to section C for guidelines.
- iv. "Domicile" means a person's true, fixed, and permanent home and place of habitation. It is the place where he or she intends to remain and to which he or she expects to return when he or she leaves without intending to establish a new domicile elsewhere.
- v. "Emancipated person" means a person who is neither under a legal duty of service to his parent nor entitled to the support of such parent under the laws of this state.
- vi. "Full-time student" means one who registers for at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester.
- vii. "Part-time student" means one who registers for fewer than twelve (12) credit hours per semester.
- viii. "Parent" means a person's father, or mother, or if one parent has custody, that parent, or if there is no surviving parent or the whereabouts of the parents are unknown, then a guardian of an unemancipated person if there are not circumstances indicating that such guardianship was created primarily for the purpose of conferring the status of an in-state student on such unemancipated person.

C. Criteria for Determining Residency

- i. In-State Student Status
 1. Except as otherwise provided in this article, no person having a domicile elsewhere than in this state is eligible for classification as an in-state student for tuition purposes.
 2. A person is not entitled to classification as an in-state student until the person is domiciled in this state for one year preceding the official starting day of the semester, except that a person whose domicile is in this state is entitled to classification as an in-state student if the person meets one of the following requirements:
 - a. The person's parent's/legal guardian's domicile is in this state and the parent/guardian is entitled to claim the person as an exemption for state and federal tax purposes.
 - b. The person is an employee of an employer that transferred the person to this state for employment purposes, or the person is the spouse of such an employee.
 - c. The person is an employee of a school District in this state and is under contract to teach on a full-time basis, or is employed as a full-time non-certified classroom aide, at a school within that school District. For purposes of this paragraph, the person is eligible for classification as an in-state student only for courses necessary to complete the requirements for certification by the state board of education to teach in a school District in this state. No member of the person's family is eligible for classification as an in-state student if the person is eligible for classification as an in-state student pursuant to this paragraph, unless the family member is otherwise eligible for classification as an in-state student pursuant to this section.



- d. The person's spouse has established domicile in this state for at least one year and has demonstrated intent and financial independence and is entitled to claim the student as an exemption for state and federal tax purposes or the person's spouse was temporarily out of state for educational purposes, but maintained a domicile in this state. If the person is a non-citizen, the person must be in an eligible visa status pursuant to federal law to classify as an in-state student for tuition purposes.
 3. The domicile of an unemancipated person is that of such person's parent.
 4. An unemancipated person who remains in this state when such person's parent, who had been domiciled in this state, removes from this state is entitled to classification as an in-state student until attainment of the degree for which currently enrolled, as long as such person maintains continuous attendance.
 5. A person who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States and who is stationed in this state pursuant to military orders or who is the spouse or a dependent child of a person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States and who is stationed in this state pursuant to military orders is entitled to classification as an in-state student. The student does not lose in-state student classification while in continuous attendance toward the degree for which he or she is currently enrolled.
 6. A person who is a member of the armed forces of the United States or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces of the United States is entitled to classification as an in-state student if the member of the armed forces has claimed this state as the person's state of home record for at least twelve consecutive months before the member of the armed forces, spouse or dependent enrolls in a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents or a community college under jurisdiction of a community college District governing board. For purposes of this subsection, the requirement that a person be domiciled in this state for one year before enrollment to qualify for in-state student classification does not apply.
 7. Beginning in the fall semester of 2011, a person who is honorably discharged from the armed forces of the United States shall be granted immediate classification as an in-state student on honorable discharge from the armed forces and, while in continuous attendance toward the degree for which currently enrolled, does not lose in-state student classification if the person has met the following requirements:
 - a. Registered to vote in this state.
 - b. Demonstrated objective evidence of intent to be a resident of Arizona which, for the purposes of this section, include at least one of the following:
 1. An Arizona driver license.
 2. Arizona motor vehicle registration.
 3. Employment history in Arizona.
 4. Transfer of major banking services to Arizona.
 5. Change of permanent address on all pertinent records.
 6. Other materials of whatever kind or source relevant to domicile or residency status.
 8. A person who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized by the United States Department of the Interior whose reservation land lies in the state and extends into another state and who is a resident of the reservation is entitled to classification as an in-state student.
- ii. Alien In-State Student Status
1. An alien is entitled to classification as an in-state refugee student if such person has been granted refugee status in accordance with all applicable laws of the United States and has met all other requirements for domicile.
 2. In accordance with the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (P.L. 104208; 110 Stat. 3009), a person who was not a citizen or legal resident of the United States or who is without lawful immigration status is not entitled to classification as an in-state student pursuant to A.R.S. §15-1802 or entitled to classification as a county resident pursuant to A.R.S. §15-1802.01. A student will be assessed out-of-state tuition until such time that documentation of status is received in the office of Admissions & Records/Enrollment Services prior to the end of the term in which residency classification is being requested. Documentation received after the end of the term will be used for residency determination in subsequent terms.
 3. In establishing domicile, the alien must not hold a visa that prohibits establishing domicile in this state. After meeting other domicile requirements, students holding valid, unexpired visas in the following categories may be classified as in-state students:
 - A Foreign Government Official or Adopted Child of a Permanent Resident
 - E Treaty Trader G Principal Resident Representative of Recognized Foreign Member Government to International Staff
 - K Spouse or Child of Spouse of a U.S. Citizen, Fiancé or Child of Fiancé of U.S. Citizen
 - L Intracompany Transferee, or Spouse or Child



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V Spouses and Dependent Children of Lawful Permanent Residents

4. Students who hold visas as listed in section 3 above, or who were issued a visa of a type other than those listed in section 3 above and have submitted an I-485 to Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), may establish residency if other domicile requirements have been met. Residency eligibility for I-485 applicants may be considered one year after the date on the CIS Notice of Action letter (I-797) confirming application for permanent resident status. Students must provide required residency documentation in addition to the notice of action for residency consideration. In establishing domicile, the alien must be in a status that does not prohibit establishing domicile in this state for at least one year immediately preceding the official starting date of the semester. In the event that an alien student's parent is domiciled in this state and is allowed to claim the student as an exemption for state or federal tax purposes (43.c.i.2.a), the student's parent, in order to establish domicile, must hold a valid, unexpired visa in one of the categories listed in paragraph 3 above.

iii. Presumptions Relating to Student Status

Unless there is evidence to the contrary, the registering authority of the community college or university at which a student is registering will presume that:

1. No emancipated person has established a domicile in this state while attending any educational institution in this state as a full-time student, as such status is defined by the community college District governing board or the Arizona Board of Regents, in the absence of a clear demonstration to the contrary.
2. Once established, a domicile is not lost by mere absence unaccompanied by intention to establish a new domicile.
3. A person who has been domiciled in this state immediately before becoming a member of the Armed Forces of the United States shall not lose in-state status by reason of such person's presence in any other state or country while a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

iv. Proof of Residency

When a student's residency is questioned, the following proof will be required:

4. In-State Residency

- a. An affidavit signed by the student must be filed with the person responsible for verifying residency.
- b. Any of the following may be used in determining a student's domicile in Arizona:
 1. Arizona income tax return
 2. Arizona Voter registration
 3. Arizona Motor Vehicle registration
 4. Arizona Driver's license
 5. Employment history in Arizona
 6. Place of graduation from high school
 7. Source of financial support
 8. Dependency as indicated on federal income tax return
 9. Ownership of real property
 10. Notarized statement of landlord and/or employer
 11. Transfer of major banking services to Arizona
 12. Change of permanent address on all pertinent records
 13. Other relevant information

5. County Residency

- a. An affidavit signed by the student must be filed with the person responsible for verifying domicile to prove continuous residency in a county for fifty (50) days, and
- b. Any of the following may be used to determine a student's county residency:
 1. Notarized statements of landlord and/or employer
 2. Source of financial support
 3. Place of graduation from high school
 4. Ownership of real property
 5. Bank accounts
 6. Arizona income tax return
 7. Dependency as indicated on a Federal income tax return
 8. Other relevant information

4. Concurrent Enrollment in Arizona Public Institutions of Higher Education (A.R.S. §15-1807) (Appendix S-3)

It is unlawful for any non-resident student to register concurrently in two or more public institutions of higher education in this state including any university, college or community college for a combined student credit hour enrollment of more than six (6) credit hours without payment of non-resident tuition at one of such institutions. Any non-resident student desiring to enroll



concurrently in two or more public institutions of higher education in this state including any university or community college for a combined total of more than six (6) credit hours who is not subject to non-resident tuition at any of such institutions shall pay the non-resident tuition at the institution of his choice in an amount equivalent to non-resident tuition at such institution for the combined total of credit hours for which the non-resident student is concurrently enrolled.

OTHER ADMISSION INFORMATION (AR 2.2.3)

1. Veterans

By Arizona statute, any failing grades from any Arizona university or community college that were received prior to military service will not be used to determine admission to the community college for the honorably discharged veterans with two years' service in the Armed Forces of the United States. Students admitted or re-admitted to the community college under this statute are subject to progression, retention, graduation and other academic regulations and standards. (Also see Withdrawal - Appendix S-7.)

2. Ability to Benefit - Classifications

Federal guidelines require that students without a high school diploma or certificate of equivalency who are applying for financial aid must demonstrate the ability to benefit. Evaluation during the admission process results in the student being admitted to the college with the status of REGULAR, REGULAR WITH PROVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS or SPECIAL.

A. "REGULAR" status, for the purpose of 2.2.3 B, is granted to an individual admitted to the college who is a high school graduate or has a GED certificate. A student without a high school diploma or GED certification and beyond the age of compulsory high school attendance may be a regular status student if the student has been assessed to benefit from college instruction by receiving qualifying scores on approved assessment instruments. All regular status students must be pursuing a degree/certificate or be in an eligible program.

B. "REGULAR WITH PROVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS" status, for the purpose of 2.2.3 B, is granted to a student admitted to the college who is not a high school graduate, does not have a GED certificate, and is beyond the age of compulsory high school attendance but has been assessed to benefit from college instruction requiring developmental/remedial coursework and is pursuing a degree/certificate or be in an eligible program.

C. "SPECIAL" status, for the purpose of 2.2.3 B, is granted to a student admitted to the college for concurrent enrollment or pursuing one or more courses of special interest and who meets all the requirements for admission.

3. Transcripts

The Maricopa Community Colleges reserve the right to require an official transcript for admission to specific programs, for verification of course requisites and for determination of academic standing. The official transcript must be mailed directly from the source institution to the college Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that official transcripts have been received and are complete.

Students entering as high school graduates may be required to submit high school transcripts. Students entering as GED recipients may be required to present a copy of the high school equivalency certificate or official report of qualifying GED scores.

4. Educational Assessment

All students are encouraged to undergo an educational assessment to determine course placement. Prospective students who do not possess a high school diploma or GED equivalence certificate are required to complete an educational assessment to determine their ability to benefit from college instruction. See Student Assessment and Course Placement (AR 2.2.7).



CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING (AR 2.2.4)

The Maricopa Community Colleges recognize that learning takes place in a variety of situations and circumstances. Many students have significant, demonstrable learning from experiences outside the traditional academic environment. Therefore, prior learning, not life experience, is the basis for the award of college credit.

Students may be awarded no more than 30 credit hours, unless required by a specific program of study, within the Maricopa Community Colleges using one or more of the following assessment methods recommended by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and the American Council on Education (ACE):

- Articulated Programs
- Credit By Evaluation
- College-Level Equivalency Examinations.

Credit awarded for prior learning does not count as hours in residence for graduation requirements. Exceptions may be granted at some MCCCD colleges for their unique programs of study. No more than 20 semester credit hours may be applied to AGEC. Credit received through Prior Learning Assessment is transferable within the Maricopa Community Colleges but is not necessarily transferable to other colleges and universities. Therefore, students are strongly advised to meet with a program advisor or contact the college or university they plan to attend.

For further information on Prior Learning Assessment, contact the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services.

1. Credit by Evaluation

The Maricopa Community Colleges offer credit by evaluation. The American Council on Education (ACE) evaluates military training and experiences as well as non-collegiate sponsored training programs and recommends credit awards based on this evaluation.

The numbers of credits listed in the ACE guide are recommendations only. A college is not required to grant a student the number of credits recommended. The credits are included on a student's transcript.

A. Educational Experiences in the Armed Services

The Maricopa Community Colleges may award credit for military experiences based on the ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services. A student may receive college credit if:

- i. training parallels a discipline area offered through the Maricopa Community Colleges, and
- ii. credit meets a program requirement or is used as elective credit.

Upon request, individuals who have successfully completed Basic Training, four (4) credit hours in Physical Education will be awarded as indicated in the ACE Guide and the Community College of the Air Force Catalog. Official documentation of military training is required.

B. College Credit Recommendation Service (CREDIT)

ACE evaluates training programs offered by business, industry, and government and publishes its credit recommendations in The National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training. If a student has received training which appears in the guide, he or she may receive college credit if:

- i. training parallels a discipline area offered through the Maricopa Community Colleges, and
- ii. credit meets a program requirement or is used as elective credit.

C. Departmental Credit By Evaluation

Students may apply for Departmental Credit By Evaluation in certain courses by obtaining the appropriate form in the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services, and completing applicable paperwork and other requirements of the college, including payment of required fee. See fee schedule for appropriate fee. Fees are not refundable if a student fails to obtain credit. Students may not request:

- i. the evaluation of a course a second time;
- ii. the evaluation of a course while currently enrolled in the course;
- iii. to establish credit in a previously completed course; and
- iv. to establish credit for a lower level of a course in which credit has been received. Exceptions may be granted at some MCCCD colleges for their unique programs of study.

Certain departments have additional requirements which must be met before credit may be granted through departmental credit by evaluation. When credit is granted as outlined above, a notation of "credit by evaluation," and the number of credits will appear on the student's transcript. These credits are not used in computing the grade point average. Credit by evaluation is transferable within the Maricopa Community Colleges, but is not necessarily transferable to other colleges and universities.



2. College-Level Equivalency Examinations

ACE has published credit recommendations for a number of national standardized examinations such as the ones listed below in the Guide to Educational Credit by Examination.

The Maricopa Community Colleges use these recommendations as guidelines to award credit for equivalent Maricopa Community Colleges coursework as well as elective credit. Scores must be sent directly to the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services from the specific testing company(s) before credit is awarded.

All equivalency is subject to future review and possible catalog change.

A. Advanced Placement Examinations

Students who have taken an advanced placement course of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) in their secondary school and who have taken an Advanced Placement Examination of the CEEB may receive course credit with a score of 3, 4 or 5. Scores must be received directly from CEEB before credit is awarded.

English AP Recommendation

Exam	Score	Credit Hours/Equivalency
English-Language and Composition	5 or 4	6 credit hrs/ENG 101, ENG 100AA, AC, AD, eligible for Honors ENG 102
English-Literature and Composition	5 or 4	6 credit hrs/ENG 101, ENH 110 eligible for Honors ENG 102

Mathematics AP Recommendation

Exam	Score	Credit Hours/Equivalency
Math-Calculus AB	5,4, or 3	MAT220 or MAT221
Math-Calculus BC	5, or 4	MAT220 or MAT221, and MAT230 or MAT231, upon completion of MAT241
	3	MAT220 or MAT221
Computer Science A and AB	4 or 5	CSC100

B. College Level Examination Program

The Maricopa Community Colleges may award credit to individuals who have received a score of 500 or more for the 1986 version of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) General Examinations (610 on the 1978 version) and who meet or exceed the American Council on Education (ACE) recommended scores for awarding credit on the CLEP subject examinations. The ACE credit-granting score recommendation will be 50 (on the 20-80 scale) for all CLEP computer-based exams beginning July 1, 2001.

- Credit received through CLEP is transferable within the Maricopa Community Colleges, but is not necessarily transferable to other colleges and universities.
- Rio Salado College and Paradise Valley Community College are national CLEP test sites. For more information on registering for the CLEP examinations, contact Rio Salado College or Paradise Valley Community College.

English Composition:

Students pursuing credit for ENG 101 must take the English Composition with Essay. The Maricopa Community Colleges do not award credit for ENG 102 through CLEP examination.

Foreign Languages:

Credit earned through CLEP examination for French, German, and Spanish meets the language proficiency requirements of the Maricopa Community Colleges.



For CLEP examinations taken prior to July 1, 2001, the Maricopa Community Colleges will grant credit based on the scaled scores indicated below:

Course	Spanish	French	German	Credit
101	40-49	39-48	39-45	4 (101)
102	50-54	49-53	46-50	8 (101, 102)
201	55-61	54-62	51-59	12 (101, 102, 201)
202	62-80	63-80	60-80	16 (101, 102, 201, 202)

At the discretion of the individual college, an oral exam at the 202 level may be administered.

C. Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support Examination Program

The Maricopa Community Colleges may award credit for the Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support (DANTES) Examination Program to individuals who meet or exceed the ACE recommended scores for awarding credit on the DANTES subject examinations. The Maricopa Community Colleges do not award credit for ENG 102 through DANTES examination. Credit received through DANTES is transferable within the Maricopa Community Colleges, but is not necessarily transferable to other colleges and universities.

The Assessment Center at Rio Salado College is a national test site. For additional information on registering for DANTES examinations, call (480) 517-8560.

D. American College Testing Proficiency Examination Program

The Maricopa Community Colleges may award credit for the American College Testing Proficiency Examination Program (ACT-PEP) based on the scores earned.

E. Departmental Credit by Examination

Students may apply for Departmental Credit by Examination in certain courses by obtaining the appropriate form in the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services, paying the required fee, and completing the examination and other requirements of the college. See fee schedule for appropriate fees.

Students may not request:

- i. to challenge a course a second time;
- ii. to challenge a course while currently enrolled in the course;
- iii. to establish credit in a previously completed course; and
- iv. to establish credit for a lower level of a course in which credit has been received.
 - Exceptions may be granted at some MCCCDC colleges for their unique programs of study.
 - Certain departments may have additional requirements which must be met before credit may be granted through departmental credit by examination.
 - Only grades of A, B, C, D, or P earned as a result of this examination will be recorded on the student's transcript. Fees are not refundable after the examination has been administered, regardless of results.
 - When credit is granted as outlined above, a notation of "credit by examination," a grade and the number of credits will appear on the student's transcript. The grade is used in computing the grade point average.



COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

NOTE: The changes to English Composition CLEP were agreed upon at their respective Articulation Task Force (ATF) meetings this year and were approved by APASC members in April 2008. These cut scores, which represent equivalencies, were implemented July 1, 2009. Table revised August 2010.

EXAMINATION	MCCCD		
GENERAL	SCORE	SEMESTER HOURS	EQUIVALENCY
English Composition	50 (July 1, 2001- June 30, 2010), 600 (1986 version), 500 (1978 version)	3	With essay qualifies for ENG101
Humanities	50 (July 1, 2001 or later), 500 (prior to July 1, 2001)	6	Elective Credit
Mathematics	50 (July 1, 2001 or later), 500 (prior to July 1, 2001)	3	MAT122
Natural Sciences	50 (July 1, 2001 or later), 500 (prior to July 1, 2001)	8	Elective Credit*
Social Sciences & History	50 (July 1, 2001 or later), 500 (prior to July 1, 2001)	5	Elective Credit
SUBJECT			
Accounting, Principles of	ACE Score	6	ACC Elective Credit
American Government	ACE Score	3	POS 110
American Literature	ACE Score	6	ENH 241,242
Analysis & Interpreting Literature	ACE Score	3	Elective credit
Biology	ACE Score	8	BIO Elective Credit*
Calculus (Calc with Elem Functions)	ACE Score	4	MAT 221
Chemistry	ACE Score	9	CHM Elective Credit*
College Algebra (1993) <i>(replaces College Algebra [1979])</i>	ACE Score	3	MAT 152
College Algebra - Trigonometry	ACE Score	3	MAT 152
English Literature	ACE Score	3	Elective Credit
French Language	50-54	4	FRE 101
French Language	55-61	8	FRE 101, 102
French Language	62-65	12	FRE 101, 102, 201
French Language	66-80	16	FRE 101, 102, 201, 202
Freshman College Composition	ACE Score	3	With Essay ENG 101
German Language	39-45	4	GER 101
German Language	46-50	8	GER 101, 102
German Language	51-59	12	GER 101, 102, 201
German Language	60-80	16	GER 101, 102, 201, 202
Human Growth & Development	ACE Score	0	No Credit
Information Systems & Computer Applications	ACE Score	3	CIS Elective Credit
Intro to Educational Psychology	ACE Score	3	EDU Elective Credit
Introductory Business Law	ACE Score	3	GBS Elective Credit
Introductory Psychology	50	3	PSY 101
Introductory Sociology	ACE Score	3	SOC 101
Mathematics, College	ACE Score	3	MAT 142
Macroeconomics, Principles of <i>(replaces Intro. Macroeconomics)</i>	ACE Score	3	ECN 211
Management, Principles of	ACE Score	3	MGT Elective Credit
Marketing, Principles of	ACE Score	3	MKT271
Microeconomics, Principles of <i>(replaces Intro. Microeconomics)</i>	ACE Score	3	ECN 212
Spanish Language	50-54	4	SPA 101
Spanish Language	55-65	8	SPA 101, 102
Spanish Language	66-67	12	SPA 101, 102, 201
Spanish Language	68-80	16	SPA 101, 102, 201, 202
Trigonometry	ACE Score	3	MAT 182
U.S. History I - Early Civiliz. to 1877	ACE Score	3	HIS 103



COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP), CONTINUED			
EXAMINATION	MCCCD		
GENERAL	SCORE	SEMESTER HOURS	EQUIVALENCY
U.S. History II - 1865 to the Present	ACE Score	3	HIS 104
Western Civilization I - Ancient Near East to 1648	ACE Score	6	HIS 100, 101
Western Civilization II -1648-Present	ACE Score	3	HIS 102

**The general studies requirement in natural sciences (SQ & SG) and Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L) are not satisfied by CLEP.*

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDIT

NOTE: The changes to AP scores to include Japanese were agreed upon at their respective Articulation Task Force (ATF) meetings this year and were approved by APASC members in April 2008. These cut scores, which represent equivalencies, were implemented Fall 2009. Table Revised August 2010.

EXAMINATION	SCORE	MCCCD	SEM. HOURS
Art - History	5 or 4	ARH 101, 102	6
	3	ARH 101 or 102	3
Art - Studio Art (2-D Design) (Previously Art - Studio - General)	5	ART 111, 112	6
	4	ART 112	3
Art - Studio Art (Drawing) (Previously Art - Studio - Drawing)	5	ART 111, 112	6
	4	ART 111	3
Biology	5 or 4	BIO 181, 182	8
	3	BIO 100 or Equivalent	4
Chemistry	5 or 4	CHM 151/151LL and CHM 152/152LL or CHM154/154LL	8 or 9
	3	CHM 151, 151LL	4
Calculus AB (Previously Mathematics - Calculus AB)	5, 4, or 3	MAT 220 or MAT 221	4 or 5
Calculus BC (Previously Mathematics - Calculus BC)	5 or 4	MAT 220 or MAT 221 and MAT 230 or MAT 231 upon completion of MAT241	8 to 10
Computer Science A	5 or 4	CSC 100	3
Computer Science AB	5 or 4	CSC 100	3
Economics - Intro Macroeconomics	5 or 4	ECN 211	3
Economics - Intro Microeconomics	5 or 4	ECN 212	3
English - Language & Composition	5 or 4	ENG 100AA, AC, AD, and ENG101	6
English - Literature & Composition	5 or 4	ENG 101 and ENH 110	6
Environmental Science	5 or 4	No Credit	3
European History (Previously History - European)	5 or 4	HIS 101, HIS 102	6
	3		3
French - Language	5, 4, or 3	FRE 101, 102, 201, 202	16
French - Literature	5, 4, or 3	FRE 101, 102, 201, 202	16
German - Language	5, 4, or 3	GER 101, 102, 201, 202	16
German - Literature	5, 4, or 3	GER 101, 102, 201, 202	16
Japanese Language and Culture (Previously Japanese - Language)	5	JPN 101, 102, 201, 202	20
	4	JPN 101, 102, 201	15
	3	JPN 101, 102	10
Latin - Vergil (Previously Latin - Language)	5	LAT 101, 102, 201, 202	16
	4	LAT 101, 102, 201	12
	3	LAT 101, 102	8
Music Theory	5 or 4	MTC 105	3
Physics B	5 or 4	PHY 111, PHY 112	8
	3	PHY 111	4
Physics C - Electricity & Magnetism	5, 4, or 3	PHY 112 with laboratory course work	4
Physics C - Mechanics	5, 4, or 3	PHY 111 with laboratory course work	4
Psychology	5 or 4	PSY 101	3
Spanish - Language	5, 4, or 3	SPA 101, 102, 201, 202	16
Spanish - Literature	5, 4, or 3	SPA 101, 102, 201, 202	16
Statistics	5, 4, or 3	MAT 206	3



ADVANCED PLACEMENT CREDIT, CONTINUED

NOTE: The changes to AP scores to include Japanese were agreed upon at their respective Articulation Task Force (ATF) meetings this year and were approved by APASC members in April 2008. These cut scores, which represent equivalencies, were implemented Fall 2009. Table Revised August 2010.

EXAMINATION	SCORE	MCCCD SEM. HOURS	
Psychology	5 or 4	PSY 101	3
Spanish - Language	5, 4, or 3	SPA 101, 102, 201, 202	16
Spanish - Literature	5, 4, or 3	SPA 101, 102, 201, 202	16
Statistics	5, 4, or 3	MAT 206	3
U.S. Government and Politics (Previously Political Science-Amer Gov't)	5 or 4	POS 110	3
U.S. History (Previously History - American)	5 or 4	HIS 103, HIS 104	6

Vi 6. INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA/CERTIFICATE

Students who present an International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate may qualify for college credit. Maricopa Community Colleges grant credit for college-level courses only. Credit is awarded according to the “International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate Credit” table. Table revised August 2010.

EXAMINATION	SCORE	SEM. HRS.	EQUIVALENCY
Biology	7, 6, or 5 4	8 4	BIO 181, 182 BIO 182
Chemistry	7, 6, or 5 4	9 4	CHM 151, 152 CHM 151
Economics	7, 6, or 5 4	6 3	ECN 211, 212 ECN 211
English A	7, 6, or 5 4	6 3	ENG101, ENG100AB, AC, AD ENG 100AB, AC, AD
English B	No Credit	No Credit	None
Foreign Language A or B*	7, 6, or 5 4	8 4	Foreign language 101, 102 Foreign Language 101
History (Previously History - American)	7, 6, or 5 4	6 3	HIS 103, 104 HIS 103
History (Previously History - European)	7, 6, or 5 4	6 3	HIS 101, HIS 102 HIS 101
Geography (Previously Human Geography)	5, 4, or 3	3	GCU 102
Mathematics HL	7, 6, 5, or 4	4	MAT 221
Physics	7, 6, or 5 4	8 4	PHY 111, 112 PHY 111
Visual Arts (Previously Art/Design)	7, 6, or 5 4	6 3	ART 111, 112 ART 112



3. **Healthcare Integrated Educational System (HCIES) Credit for Prior Learning**

National/Regional Credential Recognition

Students who have recognized credentials related to healthcare may request an evaluation for course competency equivalence on a case-by-case basis through the Integrated Competency Assessment Network (ICAN). For more information contact the ICAN office at (480) 731-8240 or by email at ican@domail.maricopa.edu. Website: <http://healthcare.maricopa.edu/healthcarecourses.php>. When national or regional credentials are determined to be equivalent to the competencies demonstrated in corresponding courses, the recognition of external credentials will fulfill graduation credit requirements for the identified courses through Credit by Evaluation.

Credit by Examination and Credit by Skills Demonstration Assessment

Healthcare students may apply for credit for prior learning in certain courses. Specific information and required forms can be found on <http://healthcare.maricopa.edu/healthcarecourses.php>. Credit by Examination in the HCIES is determined through the use of HCIES Competency Assessment Tests (CATs) and/or Skills Demonstration Assessment under the direction of the HCIES Integrated Competency Assessment Network (ICAN). Students may apply for HCIES Healthcare Pathway/Program Advanced Placement in certain courses by obtaining the appropriate form(s) in the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services, paying the required fee(s), and successfully completing the examination and/or skills demonstration and other requirements of the college. See fee schedule for appropriate fee. Fees are not refundable if a student fails to obtain credit.

Students may not request:

- A. to challenge a course a second time;
- B. to challenge a course while currently enrolled in the course;
- C. to establish credit in a previously completed course; or
- D. to establish credit for a lower level of a course in which credit has been received.

Certain healthcare pathways/programs have additional requirements which must be met before credit may be granted through HCIES credit by examination and credit by skills demonstration assessment.

Grades of A, B, C, D or P, earned as a result of examination or skills assessment will be recorded on the student's transcript. Fees are not refundable after the examination/skills demonstration has been administered, regardless of results. A grade of P/Z is not used in computing the grade point average.

When credit is granted as outlined above, a notation of "Credit by Examination," "Credit by Evaluation," or "Credit by Skills Demonstration" and the number of credits will appear on the student's transcript. If a grade is assigned, it will be used in computing the grade point average.

4. **Transfer Credit**

A. Transfer Credit into MCCCCD

A student enrolling into one of the Maricopa Community Colleges after having attended another post-secondary institution can have course work evaluated for transfer credit. To be eligible for evaluation, course work must appear on an official transcript from the institution that offered the course work. The official transcript must be mailed directly from the source institution to the Admissions and Records/Enrollment Services Office of the receiving institution. The Admissions and Records/Enrollment Services Office at the receiving institution will complete a course-by-course evaluation for all submitted transcripts upon student request. The award of transfer credit shall not express or imply that all transfer credit will be fully applicable toward all Maricopa associate's degree and certificate requirements. In addition, the age of credit may be considered in applying credit towards degrees and certificate programs. Transfer credit that may be applied to meet associate's degree and certificate requirements at a Maricopa Community College is not necessarily transferable to other colleges and universities. The processes and policies that govern the award of transfer credit are as follows:

- i. **Inter-Institutional:** Acceptance of courses that fulfill requirements other than general education is determined by individual Maricopa Community Colleges. Credits accepted in transfer from other Maricopa Community Colleges do not necessarily apply to all Maricopa degree and certificate programs.
- ii. **Maricopa Skill Center and the Southwest Skill Center:** The Maricopa Community Colleges have agreements with the Maricopa Skill Center and the Southwest Skill Center in limited areas of study. Students who have participated in these agreements may be granted credit for prior learning. No fees will be assessed for credits awarded for prior learning. Articulated course/program credit is transferable within the Maricopa Community Colleges, but may not necessarily be transferable to other universities and colleges. Students should contact the Admissions and Records/Enrollment Services Office for specific items related to these agreements.



iii. **Arizona Public Community Colleges and Universities:**

A course that meets general education requirements at any Arizona public community college district or university will be accepted in transfer to meet comparable general education requirements at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges provided the course was completed with a grade of C or higher (2.0 on a 4.0 scale). On an exception basis, P-grades may be allowed in the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) for credit transferred if documentation collected by the community college indicates that the P-grade is a C or better. The P-grade exception does not apply to credits awarded by AGEC granting/receiving institutions.

Acceptance of courses that fulfill requirements other than general education is determined by individual Maricopa Community Colleges.

iv. **Domestic Institutions (U.S.):**

The evaluation and award of community college transfer credit for course work originating at U.S. institutions that are regionally accredited will be based on official transcripts from all institutions previously attended. Regionally accredited institutions of higher education are those that are fully accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and/or Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Courses from institutions that have earned candidate status from a regional accrediting association will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The Admissions and Records/Enrollment Services Office at the receiving institution will complete a course-by-course evaluation for all submitted transcripts upon student request, and will determine the acceptance and applicability of transfer credit toward associate's degree and certificate requirements.

v. **Foreign Institutions:**

Credits from foreign institutions will be reviewed for acceptance. It is the student's responsibility to have all transcripts translated into English and evaluated by an international Credential Evaluation Service before submitting them to the college.

vi. **Limitations on the Award of Transfer Credit:**

Generally, the Maricopa Community Colleges will not award credit for courses completed at institutions not regionally accredited.

B. Transfer Credit from MCCCC

The Maricopa Community Colleges have developed formal agreements to facilitate the transfer of credit to four year colleges and universities. This is accomplished through the development of course and program articulation agreements. The Maricopa Community Colleges articulate with private, public, and international baccalaureate degree granting institutions that have achieved full accreditation or candidacy status with a regional accreditation commission. Maricopa transfer agreements are on behalf of the District as a whole and not with individual colleges within the district. Courses taken at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges are equally transferable by institutions wishing to articulate. Students planning to transfer to a university may be required to submit official transcripts from all institutions attended. The processes and policies that govern the transfer of credit are as follows:

i. **Inter-Institutional:** Students who transfer from one Maricopa Community College to another must have transcripts sent to the receiving institution for evaluation. Transcript evaluation will be conducted upon student request. Acceptance of courses that fulfill requirements other than general education is determined by individual Maricopa Community Colleges. Credits transferred from one Maricopa Community College to another may not necessarily apply to all Maricopa degree or certificate programs.

ii. **Arizona Public Community Colleges and Universities:** Maricopa is a participant in the Arizona statewide transfer system. The aztransfer.com website is the official source of information for the statewide articulation agreements between the Arizona public community colleges and universities (Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and University of Arizona). Included on the aztransfer.com site is the course equivalency guide (CEG), which shows how courses transfer from Arizona public community colleges and tribal institutions to Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona. The transferability of a course does not indicate how the course will apply to meet requirements for specific bachelor's degrees. https://www.aztransfer.com/cgi-bin/webobjects/admin_ceg

iii. **Domestic Institutions (U.S):** The Maricopa Community Colleges have transfer agreements with U.S. universities and colleges that are regionally accredited. These partnerships are formalized through district-wide articulation agreements and are designed to help students make a smooth transition when transferring from one of the Maricopa Community Colleges to a four-year college or university. To access a list of institutions with which Maricopa has established an articulation agreement, visit: http://www.maricopa.edu/academic/ccta/artic/partner_list.php



iv. **Foreign Institutions:** The Maricopa Community Colleges have agreements with colleges and universities outside the United States that are approved by the Ministry of Education or other appropriate governmental agency. To access a list of international agreements, visit: http://www.maricopa.edu/academic/ccta/artic/partner_list.php

v. **Limitations on the Transfer of Credit:** Generally, the following types of courses are not intended for transfer. See an advisor for specific information.

- Remedial/developmental courses or courses numbered below 100
- Arizona government university courses
- Cooperative education
- Experimental courses
- Post baccalaureate courses
- Contractual training for business, industry, and government
- Some forms of credit for prior learning
- Non-credit courses

vi. **Time Limit for Transfer Coursework:** students should be aware that the receiving institution may have age of credit limits on certain coursework to be used in transfer. Students should be knowledgeable about the policies on time limits for transfer coursework for the institution to which they plan to transfer.

5. Servicemen's Opportunity College

The Maricopa Community Colleges recognize the unique educational problems confronting many active duty military personnel in attaining their educational goals. The colleges have, therefore, established themselves as Servicemen's Opportunity Colleges. This means that the colleges recognize the peculiar needs of military personnel in that they provide courses on the various military bases located in Maricopa County and provide opportunities to complete courses through non-traditional means when education is interrupted by military obligations. Maricopa Community Colleges maintain liberal entrance requirements, offer maximum credit for educational experiences obtained in the Military Services, and follow residency statutes applicable to the special needs of servicemen. Maricopa Community Colleges follow the recommendations established by the American Council on Education. If, for any reason, Maricopa Community Colleges' status as a Servicemen's Opportunity College District is discontinued, it will nonetheless maintain its commitment to students previously enrolled. In addition, the option to enter into a "contract for a degree" allows the community college, as the college of record, to grant a degree upon completion of twelve (12) credit hours at the college and the satisfaction of graduation requirements.

ACADEMIC ADVISING (AR 2.2.6)

1. Academic advising assists students in the formation of educational plans and goals. This is an ongoing process of clarification, evaluation, re-clarification, and re-evaluation.
2. The ultimate responsibility for making decisions about life goals and educational plans rests with the student. The academic advisor helps to identify and assess alternatives and consequences.
3. The academic advisor also serves as a resource for accurate information. The advisor is knowledgeable about institutional policies, procedures, programs and resources and assists students in making use of printed and online materials.
4. Advisors are in a position to help students identify their learning-related needs. Feedback received from advisors could be beneficial and should be used in policy-making decisions at all levels of the institutional administration.

With the help of an academic advisor, students will:

1. gain an understanding of their academic abilities and interests.
2. be reinforced in their successes.
3. be provided information regarding the nature and purpose of higher education.
4. be referred to counselors and other resources to explore their interests, skills, abilities, and values.
5. define and refine educational goals and objectives and understand the consequences of alternative courses of action.
6. consider alternative careers through counselors, work-shops, seminars, and other resources.
7. make course, certificate, and/or degree selections.
8. understand and utilize placement test results.
9. be encouraged to be active participants in their educational planning and college life.
10. be informed of support services that are available and how to make an appointment, if appropriate.
11. be aware of transfer articulation arrangements.
12. be informed about research results and general perceptions of student experiences at the institution.
13. receive accurate printed materials on academic majors, minors, and other degree and program requirements.
14. be encouraged to use the technology which supports the academic advising process.



STUDENT COURSE PLACEMENT PROCESS (AR 2.2.7)

The Maricopa Community Colleges are committed to providing students with opportunities for successful academic experiences. Student academic achievement is directly related to the proper initial course placement. Students choosing to enroll will register for the courses indicated by their English, mathematics, or reading course placement tests, or in a lower level course. Initial course placement should be discussed with an advisor or counselor who is skilled in assessing the student's needs and factors that affect student success.

1. Testing for Course Placement

- A. Students will be required to complete course placement tests under one of the following conditions:
 - i. The student is taking his or her first college credit English, reading and/or math course, or any college course for which English, reading or math is a prerequisite.
 - ii. The student is pursuing a degree and does not have current valid District approved course placement scores on file or does not have previous college credit in English, reading and math.
 - iii. The student does not have a high school diploma or GED, and is applying for federal financial aid.
 - iv. The student for whom English is not the primary language and is taking his or her first English as a Second Language class is required to take a test of English proficiency.
 - v. College may determine additional conditions under which students would be required to complete course placement testing. Contact the college for additional conditions.
- B. Students will be strongly encouraged to complete a course placement test under any one of the following conditions:
 - i. The student is taking a math course and has a college-level prerequisite on file that is more than five (5) years old.
 - ii. The student is taking a college course for which English, reading or math is a prerequisite, and such credit is more than five (5) years old.
- C. Students MAY be exempt from a course placement test if at least one of the following conditions apply:
 - i. The student has earned an associate or higher degree.
 - ii. The student has earned college credits from a regionally accredited college in English, reading, and math with a grade of C or higher and such credit is no more than five (5) years old.
 - iii. The student has currently valid District approved course placement scores on file.

Note: Being exempt from taking a course placement test does not exempt the student from fulfilling the minimum graduation requirements.

2. Course Placement

- A. Students choosing to enroll in the courses indicated will be advised and placed into courses based on highest test or retest scores.
- B. Students will be permitted one re-test in English, reading or by math level after at least a 24-hour waiting period. An additional re-test is permitted one year from the date of student's original or re-test at any course placement testing site.
- C. The vice president of student affairs or designee may approve re-testing for students with special needs or circumstances. The re-test date will then serve as the date of record.
- D. Students may request a Course Placement Waiver from the appropriate department/division chair or designee. The waiver will be granted at the chair/designee's discretion. Additional testing may also be required. The signed waiver will be noted on the student's electronic record.

3. Implementation of Policy

To ensure consistency of the course placement process within the Maricopa Community Colleges: All colleges shall accept the same approved course placement instruments.

- A. All colleges shall accept the same approved course placement instruments.
- B. All colleges shall adhere to the same approved cut-off scores.
- C. Course placement scores, with the exception of the reading exemption, will be valid for two years from the date of the original or re-test.

4. Evaluation

The Maricopa Community Colleges will provide an ongoing evaluation of the course placement process. An annual report shall be submitted to the Governing Board to indicate the policy's effectiveness noting the number of students assessed, their placement scores and their success in courses. Every three years a thorough review of the policy and procedures shall be implemented, including recommendations from the English, Reading and Math Instructional Councils regarding cut-off scores, course placement assessment tools and procedures.



REGISTRATION (AR 2.2.8)

Students must register according to the dates indicated and in the manner described in the college class schedule. To be eligible for registration, students must have completed the appropriate steps listed under the Admissions section. The college may allow early or priority registration. Tuition and fees must be paid or payment arrangements made by the due date to secure class enrollment. Students may not attend a class for which they are not registered.

The colleges reserve the right to enroll students in courses. The final decision for admission to any class for students admitted under Section 2 of AR 2.2.1 will be determined by the designated college administrator in consultation with the department chairperson and/or faculty.

TUITION AND FEES (AR 2.2.9)

Tuition and fees are public monies within the jurisdiction and responsibility of the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board under the laws and regulations of the State of Arizona and must be administered by the Governing Board. The Governing Board reserves the right to change tuition and fee charges when necessary without notice.

All students are classified for tuition purposes under one of the following residency classifications:

1. Maricopa County resident
2. Out-of-County resident
3. Out-of-State resident (including F-1 non-immigrant students)
4. Unclassified, Out-of-County, Out-of-State (1-6 credit hours system-wide)

Residency for tuition purposes is determined in accordance with state law (A.R.S. §15-1801, et. seq.) and regulations of the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board. All of the Maricopa Community Colleges are subject to the above statutes and regulations. Students who have questions about their residency should contact the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services for clarification.

Students attending more than one Maricopa Community College will be assessed fees for their enrollment at each of the Maricopa Community colleges/centers. (Students who are considered to be out-of-state residents for tuition and fees purposes should refer to the Concurrent Enrollment in Arizona Public Institutions of Higher Education policy under the Residency section of this publication.)

A. Time of Payment

All tuition, fees, assessments and deposits must be paid at the time of registration or by the specified deadline date and in accordance with the fee schedule approved by the Maricopa Community Colleges Governing Board.

B. Tuition and Fees Schedule (Appendix S-4) (effective July 1, 2011 for fall, spring and summer sessions)

Current information can be found at:

<http://www.maricopa.edu/publicstewardship/governance/adminregs/appendices/S-4.htm>

The following is a tuition and fees schedule for 2011-2012 and is provided for reference. These tuition and fees are subject to change. Consult the college's Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services for course fees in effect during the semester/term in which you intend to register.

2011-2012 Credit Hrs	Maricopa County Resident (In County)	Out of County Resident* (Apache, or Greenlee County Resident without Living in Out-of-County Residence Affidavit)	Non-Resident Living in Arizona	Non-Resident Living in Another State/ Country	Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
	IN-STATE		OUT-OF-STATE		
	A	B*	C**	D***	E
1	76.00	Pending surcharge	317.00	317.00	114.00
2	152.00	Rate tbd	634.00	634.00	228.00
3	228.00	-	951.00	951.00	342.00
4	304.00	-	1,268.00	1,268.00	456.00
5	380.00	-	1,585.00	1,585.00	570.00
6	456.00	-	1,902.00	1,902.00	684.00
7	532.00	-	2,219.00	2,219.00	798.00
8	608.00	-	2,536.00	2,536.00	912.00
9	684.00	-	2,853.00	3,170.00	1,026.00



10	760.00	<i>tbd</i>	3,170.00	3,170.00	1,140.00
11	836.00	<i>tbd</i>	3,487.00	3,487.00	1,254.00
12	912.00	<i>tbd</i>	3,804.00	3,804.00	1,368.00
13	988.00	<i>tbd</i>	4,121.00	4,121.00	1,482.00
14	1,064.00	<i>tbd</i>	4,438.00	4,438.00	1,596.00
15	1,140.00	<i>tbd</i>	4,755.00	4,755.00	1,710.00
16	1,216.00	<i>tbd</i>	5,072.00	5,072.00	1,824.00
17	1,292.00	<i>tbd</i>	5,389.00	5,398.00	1,938.00
18	1,368.00	<i>tbd</i>	5,706.00	5,706.00	2,052.00

- * Students from any other county in Arizona are considered Maricopa County Residents (in county) due to a reciprocal arrangement with that county. Reciprocal agreements allow for in-county tuition rates for residents of all Arizona counties *except* Apache, AND Greenlee counties without an Out-of-County Residence Affidavit.
- ** According to ARS §15-1802F, “A person who is a member of an Indian tribe recognized by the US Department of the Interior whose reservation lies in this state and extends into another state and who is a resident of the reservation is entitled to classification as an in-state student.” Therefore, unclassified and out-of-state surcharges do not apply to such students.
- *** According to ARS §15-1470, community college districts may offer credit and noncredit courses and services outside of this state. A district is not entitled to state aid payments for students who are provided courses and services outside of this state.

A. Determine Student Residency Status

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B. Use the Chart to Locate Tuition Charges

Determine the correct column based on your residency status and then select the number of credit hours. The general tuition chart is provided for reference only.

C. Add Any Additional Fees

- i. A one-time, per semester \$15 registration fee is due by the official start of the term (semester) or by the specified due date or at time of registration.
- ii. There may also be additional course fees for classes, please refer to the college schedule for course fees.
- iii. If you choose to audit a class, add an additional fee of \$25 per credit hour.
- iv. Additional course fees may apply for specific courses. Check with the college’s Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services for a current listing of course fees.

D. Pay Your Fees

Payment of fees may be made by cash, check, money order, VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Payment Plan options are also available.

NOTE: If you do not pay your tuition and fees at the time of registration or by the specified due date, you may be dropped from your classes and may be responsible for the tuition and fees based on the refund schedule which outlines the refund deadlines for each course.



COLLEGE SPECIFIC FEES

Please check with the PVCC Admissions & Records or Cashier's Office. Students may incur expenses beyond the established fees in certain courses. Noncredit Courses / Seminars / Workshops / Community Services: Fees for these courses are determined by the length and type of each course and will cover total costs.

Check Returned from Bank		\$ 15.00
College Level Exam Program (CLEP)		\$ 15.00
Credit by Examination & Evaluation	(per credit hour) - excludes HCIES courses Regular Rate Contract Testing Rate	\$ 74.00 \$37.00
Emergency Medical Tech. (EMT)	actual cost, not to exceed	\$ 400.00
Excessive Laboratory Breakage	-	actual cost
Field Studies	-	actual cost
Fitness Center	-	\$20.00
GED	First Test - Based on State Repeat Test (per section) - Based on State Administration Fee (must be paid prior to testing) - Based on State	DOE DOE DOE
General Laboratory & Course Fees	not to exceed	\$ 25.00
Graduation Fees:	Application / Recording Fee: Commencement Fee: (One time fee refundable up to 2 weeks prior to graduation)	\$ 0.00 \$ 25.00
HCIES Skills Demonstration Assessment	-	actual cost
Identification Card Replacement Fee	Basic Card Replacement	\$ 5.00
Library Fines - lost materials	(List price) +	\$ 5.00
Nursing	NUR 102 Nursing Process Transition NUR 103 Nursing Science Transition NUR 151 Nursing Theory & Science I NUR 158 Nursing Assistant NUR 171 Nursing Theory & Science II NUR 251 Nursing Theory & Science III NUR 271 Nursing Theory & Science IV NUR 291 Nursing Clinical Capstone	\$ 30.00 \$ 40.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 30.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 190.00
Parking Fines: (All fines are doubled if not paid within 15 working days.) Fees are subject to change upon adoption of the schedule for the new fiscal year. For current fee amounts, please contact College Safety or visit: http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/gvpolicy/adminregs/students/2_10.htm	-Displaying an altered or substituted permit -Failure to register a vehicle and display a parking permit -Falsifying information on vehicle registration application -Improper display of a parking permit (not affixed to window) -Obstructing a properly parked/moving vehicle -Parking in an unauthorized parking area -Parking by a college employee or student in a visitor area -Parking in a Fire Lane -Parking on or blocking a pedestrian path -Parking outside stall lines -Parking beyond posted time limit -Removing a barricade or failure to obey vehicle control device -Violating disabled parking stall or access	\$ 50.00 \$ 30.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 15.00 \$ 15.00 \$ 25.00 \$ 15.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 15.00 \$ 15.00 \$ 15.00 \$ 25.00 \$ 50.00



COLLEGE SPECIFIC FEES: continued		
PED Special Course Charge		actual cost
Private Music Lessons: Music Majors	- First 1/2 hr per wk/per semester - Each additional 1/2 hr per wk/per semester	\$ 0.00 \$ 102.00
Non-Music Majors	- First 1/2 hr per wk/per semester - Each additional 1/2 hr per wk/per semester	\$ 320.00 \$ 320.00
REC 150AA REC 150AB REC 155AA REC 155AB REC 155AC	Grand Canyon White Water Rafting Outdoor Adventure Skills Introduction to Canyoneering Introduction to Caving Introduction to Outdoor Rock Climbing	actual cost actual cost actual cost actual cost actual cost
Registration Processing Fee - (assessed on a per student, per semester, per college basis)	-Refundable only if the student drops all credit classes at a particular college during the 100% refund period	\$ 15.00
Transcript Fee		\$ 5.00

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4. Pay Your Fees

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**Skill Center Tuition Rates**

Regular	\$5.00 per contact hour
Nursing Assistant	\$6.00 per contact hour
Practical Nursing	\$6.00 per contact hour

Credit by Examination & Credit by Evaluation (excludes Allied Health courses)

Regular Rate	\$74.00 per credit hour
Contract Rate	\$37.00 per credit hour

3. Outstanding Debts

Any debt or returned check may revoke a student's current enrollment and the student's right to register in subsequent semesters at all Maricopa Community Colleges. Delinquent debts may require penalties, late charges, collection costs, and/or legal fees to be paid before good standing is restored to the student.

The following procedure will be used for the collection of returned checks and other outstanding debts:

- A. The designated college official or fiscal officer is responsible for:
 - i. verifying the student's District-wide debt,
 - ii. attempting to notify the student of the debt, and
 - iii. attempting to collect the debt.
- B. All Maricopa Community College services will be withheld pending payment of debt (at designated college office) with cash, certified check or money order or online with debit or credit card or in person with credit card. Student may be withdrawn from classes.
- C. If other collection attempts fail, the Maricopa Community Colleges District Office will either collect or use other means available, including:
 - i. collection agency, requiring payment of collection fees by the student;
 - ii. the Tax Refund Setoff Programs as stated in A.R.S. §42-133;
 - iii. litigation, requiring payment of court costs and legal fees by the student.
- D. Debt holds may be lifted by the appropriate College or District business services designee for the extension of services provided that at least one of the following conditions are met:
 - i. MCCCCD staff verify that full payment has been made to another College;
 - ii. The College can deduct payment from a financial aid award made to the student (referring to student authorization guidelines for regulations on applying federal financial aid to debt balances);
 - iii. A third party not related to the student, such as an employer or state agency, makes a verified payment directly to the College; or
 - iv. It is determined and verified with the appropriate MCCCCD office that the hold resulted from a system error and the error is due to an activity that requires correction by the appropriate College or District personnel.

4. Discounted Fees and Waivers

- A. Citizens 62 years of age and older shall be issued ID cards that allow them the privilege of attending events at no cost and that allow them to use the library facilities.
- B. Employees, Dependents and Mandated Groups
The Maricopa Community Colleges waives tuition and student activity fees for employees and their dependents, and for legislative mandated groups. Special fees and fees for Non-Credit/Special Interest Community Services courses are not waived.
- C. Tuition and Registration Fee Waiver for Members of the Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Tuition and fee waivers shall be funded through Auxiliary Fund Monies for college credit courses for the enrolled members of the Pima-Maricopa Indian Community who live on the Pima-Maricopa Reservation.

All other guidelines and procedures established for the purpose of administering waivers, affidavits and exemptions are outlined in the Maricopa Community Colleges tuition waiver manual.



REFUND POLICY (AR 2.2.10)

1. Refund Policy for Credit Classes

Students who officially withdraw from credit classes (in fall, spring, or summer) within the withdrawal deadlines listed below will receive a 100% refund for tuition, class and registration processing fees. Deadlines that fall on a weekend or a college holiday will advance to the next college workday except for classes fewer than 10 calendar days in length or as specified by the college. Calendar days include weekdays and weekends. Refer to individual colleges for withdrawal and refund processes. Never attending is not an allowable refund exemption or an excuse of the debt incurred through registration.

<u>LENGTH OF CLASS</u>	<u>OFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES FOR 100% REFUND*</u>
1-9 calendar days	Prior to the class start date
10-19 calendar days	1 calendar day including the class start date
20-29 calendar days	2 calendar days including the class start date
30-39 calendar days	3 calendar days including the class start date
40-49 calendar days	4 calendar days including the class start date
50-59 calendar days	5 calendar days including the class start date
60-69 calendar days	6 calendar days including the class start date
70+ calendar days	7 calendar days including the class start date

* *Course fees and registration processing fees will be refunded only if the student qualifies for a 100% refund. Debts owed to any MCCCDC college must be satisfied before any refunds are paid to the student. Refunds for students receiving federal financial assistance are subject to federal guidelines. Requests for exceptions to the refund policy must be filed within one year from the semester in which the course was taken.*

2. Refund Policy for Non-Credit Classes

Unless otherwise specified, students must drop non-credit classes prior to the course start date to be eligible for a 100% refund.

3. Canceled Classes

When a class is canceled by the college, a 100% refund will be made.

4. Refund Exceptions

Students withdrawing from a college or from courses for one of the following reasons must submit a written request for a refund exception to the Admissions & Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services or designated college official:

- A. A student with a serious illness, verifiable by a doctor's written statement that the illness prevents the student from attending all classes for the semester. The doctor's statement must be on file with the college before a refund can be given.
- B. Serious illness or death of an immediate family member that prevents the student from attending all classes for the semester. Immediate family members include spouse/partner, father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, child, foster child, grandchild, stepchild, sibling, stepsibling, stepfather, stepmother, or spouse's/partner's father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, or in-laws in any one incident. Appropriate documentation must be provided before a refund can be given.
- C. Death of a student. Appropriate documentation must be provided before a refund can be given.
- D. A student in the Armed Forces or the Arizona National Guard who is called to active duty and assigned to a duty station, verifiable by a copy of the orders, will be allowed to withdraw and receive a 100% refund of tuition, provided courses have not been completed.

Requests for a total withdrawal from a college or courses for one of the above reasons may result in a partial prorated refund of tuition, provided courses have not been completed. All decisions made by the College are final.

LIMITATION: Never attending is not an allowable refund exception or an excuse of the debt incurred through registration.



STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (AR 2.2.11 & APPENDIX S-5)

The Maricopa Community Colleges provide students financial assistance to enable access to higher education. Student financial assistance shall be awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need except where funds are specified for recognition of special talents and achievements. Additional procedural information on financial assistance is available in Appendix S-5.

Appendix S-5: Student Financial Assistance

The Maricopa Community Colleges provide students financial assistance to enable access to higher education. Student financial assistance shall be awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need except where funds are specified for recognition of special talents and achievements. Only those with a lawful presence in the United States may qualify for Federal Financial Aid or Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) scholarships. Under Arizona Law, any information the student provides about his or her legal status when applying for Financial Aid or publicly funded scholarships may be subject to mandatory reporting to Federal Immigration authorities. This does not apply to applications for the private scholarship funds held in and distributed by the Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation.

How to Apply for Federal Financial Aid

New students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or FAFSA on the Web at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Each academic year, continuing students must reapply by completing a FAFSA, Renewal FAFSA, or FAFSA on the Web. Scholarships require separate applications. Specific information regarding financial assistance, including application deadlines or priority dates, may be obtained from the college Office of Student Financial Aid.

Types of Aid

Grants, loans, student employment, and scholarship funds may be available from federal, state, and/or private sources.

The Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation offers a variety of scholarship opportunities. Scholarship opportunities are available year round. However, most scholarships are posted mid-January and most deadlines are the last week of March. Options are available at www.maricopa.edu/resdev/scholarships/apply.php or by calling 480-731-8400.

Distribution of Aid

Criteria by which aid is distributed among eligible financial aid applicants are available on request at the college Office of Student Financial Aid.

Rights and Responsibilities

Students should read all information provided in the process of applying for federal financial aid in order to gain a greater knowledge of all the rights as well as responsibilities involved in receiving that assistance.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Specific requirements for academic progress for financial aid recipients are applied differently than scholastic standards. In addition to scholastic standards which are explained elsewhere in this catalog, financial aid recipients are also subject to the following Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress. Specific information is available at the college Office of Student Financial Aid.

Maricopa Community Colleges Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) for Financial Aid Eligibility

Federal regulations (CFR 668.32(f) and 668.34) require a student to move toward the completion of a degree or certificate within an eligible program when receiving financial aid. Specific requirements for academic progress for financial aid recipients are applied differently than Scholastic Standards. Federal regulations state that Academic Progress Standards must include a review of all periods of enrollment, regardless of whether or not aid was received. Students will be evaluated using the standards described below. Failure to meet any of these minimum standards will result in loss of title IV, HEA program (federal financial aid) eligibility.

Evaluation Period

Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) will be evaluated at the end of each semester; fall, spring and summer. Programs less than one year in length will be evaluated at the midpoint of the program. Non-standard sessions will be evaluated at the completion of the session.

Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress

Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) are evaluated on each of the three measurements outlined below. Failure to meet any of these standards will result in suspension of eligibility for financial aid.

Note: Grades of F,I,N,W,X,Y,Z, and courses not yet graded are considered attempted but not meeting progress standards for the purposes of financial aid.



- **Grade Point Measurement**

Students must meet the following credit hour/cumulative grade point average (CGPA).

Total Credits Attempted*	Min CGPA
< 15.75	1.60
16-30.75	1.75
31-45.75	1.90
46 +	2.00

*for which grade points are computed

- **Semester Progress Measurement**

Students must successfully complete 2/3 (66.67%) of all attempted course work during the semester.

- **Maximum Time Frame Measurement**

Students who have attempted more than 150% of the published credits required for their program of study are considered not meeting SAP.

Coursework Treatment in SAP Calculation

Course work taken during the semester also included in the evaluation:

- Courses funded through a consortium agreement
- All attempted remedial credits
- Repeated course work

Course work included in the Maximum Time Frame evaluation:

- All of those included in the semester evaluation
- All evaluated transfer credits
- Any Associates degree or higher earned will be considered to have exhausted maximum timeframe eligibility

Course work not included in SAP evaluation:

- Audited courses
- Non-credit courses
- Credit by examination
- Credit for prior learning option (as outlined in the college general catalog)
- Academic Renewal

Ineligibility Determination Appeal

Any student who has lost financial aid eligibility due to extenuating circumstances may appeal. Appeal must:

- Be in writing and submitted to the Financial Aid Office where the student is applying for aid.
- Include the extenuating circumstances that caused the student not to meet SAP standards.
- Include appropriate supporting documentation.
- Include how that condition or situation has been resolved thus allowing the student the ability to meet SAP standards.

Students will be notified of the results of their appeal and any restrictions or conditions pertaining to their appeal. The outcome of an appeal may include a probationary term or denial.

Failure to successfully complete all conditions during the probationary period (as defined in the academic plan) will result in loss of financial aid eligibility.

Regaining Eligibility

A student who has lost financial aid eligibility may only regain eligibility by meeting the minimum SAP standards. Course work taken at other colleges will not be considered for reinstatement purposes.

Terminology and Information Pertaining to this Policy

- **Summer Sessions** - Enrollment in any or all Summer Sessions within the same calendar year will be considered one term.



- **Non-Standard Session** - Sessions that do not follow the traditional start and end dates for the semester.
- **Attempted Credit** – Any credit for which a grade of A, B, C, D, F, I, IP, P, W, X, Y, or Z is received.
- **Appeal** – “A process by which a student who is not meeting the institution’s satisfactory academic progress standards petitions the institution for reconsideration of the student’s eligibility for title IV, HEA program assistance.”
- **Extenuating Circumstance** – Examples are: personal injury or illness, serious illness or death within the immediate family, or other circumstance beyond the reasonable control of the student.
- **Supporting Documentation** – Examples could include: an obituary notice, divorce decree, an accident report, or a letter from a physician, attorney, social services agency, etc.
- **Financial Aid Warning** – “A status assigned to a student who fails to make satisfactory academic progress at an institution that evaluates academic progress at the end of each payment period” (semester).
- **Financial Aid Probation** - “A status assigned by an institution to a student who fails to make satisfactory academic progress and who has appealed and has had eligibility for aid reinstated.” A student in this status “may not receive title IV, HEA program funds for the subsequent payment period unless the student makes satisfactory academic progress or the institution determines that the student met the requirements specified by the institution in the academic plan for the student.”
- **Academic Plan** – A plan developed through the SAP Appeal Process which will lead a student to qualify for further title IV, HEA program funds.
- **Financial Aid Suspension** – The status assigned upon failing to meet the minimum SAP standards or the terms of a probationary status. Students in this status are not eligible to receive title IV, HEA assistance.

For more information, please contact the college Financial Aid Office.

REFUNDS AND REPAYMENTS

In accordance with federal regulations (CFR 668.22), a student may be required to repay federal financial aid funds if they completely withdraw, are withdrawn, or fail to earn a passing grade from all classes during a semester. Further information is available at the college Office of Student Financial Aid. This could affect a student’s ability to receive Financial Aid in the future at any school. For a student receiving Financial Aid, also see Appendix S-7 for Withdrawal procedures.

AWARD AMOUNT AND LEVEL OF ENROLLMENT

Award amount is determined, in part, on the level of enrollment. Federal student aid recipients are advised to register at the same time for all classes they intend to take during a semester to maximize award. Some federal aid may not be awarded for classes added at a later date. Contact the college Office of Student Financial Aid for more information.

If you are receiving federal financial aid it is important to read the information below prior to making a decision to withdraw.

TREATMENT OF TITLE IV AID WHEN A STUDENT WITHDRAWS

The law specifies how your school must determine the amount of Title IV program assistance that you earn if you withdraw from school. The Title IV programs that are covered by this law are: Federal Pell Grants, Academic Competitiveness Grants, National SMART grants, TEACH Grants, Stafford Loans, PLUS Loans, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOGs), and Federal Perkins Loans.

When you withdraw during your payment period or period of enrollment (you may contact the Financial Aid office to define these for you and tell you which one applies) the amount of Title IV program assistance that you have earned up to that point is determined by a specific formula. If you received (or your school or parent received on your behalf) less assistance than the amount that you earned, you may be able to receive those additional funds. If you received more assistance than you earned, the excess funds must be returned by the school and/or you.

The amount of assistance that you have earned is determined on a pro-rata basis. For example, if you completed 30% of your payment period or period of enrollment, you earn 30% of the assistance you were originally scheduled to receive. Once you have completed more than 60% of the payment period or period of enrollment, you earn all the assistance that you were scheduled to receive for that period.

If you did not receive all of the funds that you earned, you may be due a post-withdrawal disbursement. If your post-withdrawal disbursement includes loan funds, your school must get your permission before it can disburse them. You may choose to decline some or all of the loan funds so that you don’t incur additional debt. Your school may automatically use all or a portion of your post-withdrawal disbursement of grant funds for tuition, fees, and room and board charges (as contracted with the school). The school needs your permission to use the post-withdrawal grant disbursement for all other school charges. If you do not give your permission, you will be offered the funds. However, it may be in your best interest to allow the school to keep the funds to reduce your debt at the school.



There are some Title IV funds that you were scheduled to receive that cannot be disbursed to you once you withdraw because of other eligibility requirements. For example, if you are a first-time, first-year undergraduate student and you have not completed the first 30 days of your program before you withdraw, you will not receive any FFEL or Direct loan funds that you would have received had you remained enrolled past the 30th day.

If you receive (or your school or parent receives on your behalf) excess Title IV program funds that must be returned, your school must return a portion of the excess equal to the lesser of:

1. your institutional charges multiplied by the unearned percentage of your funds, or
2. the entire amount of excess funds. The school must return this amount even if it didn't keep this amount of your Title IV program funds.

If your school is not required to return all of the excess funds, you must return the remaining amount. Any loan funds that you must return, you (or your parent for a PLUS Loan) repay in accordance with the terms of the promissory note. That is, you make scheduled payments to the holder of the loan over a period of time. Any amount of unearned grant funds that you must return is called an overpayment. The maximum amount of a grant overpayment that you must repay is half of the grant funds you received or were scheduled to receive. You must make arrangements with your school or the Department of Education to return the unearned grant funds.

The requirements for Title IV program funds when you withdraw are separate from any refund policy that your school may have. Therefore, you may still owe funds to the school to cover unpaid institutional charges. Your school may also charge you for any Title IV program funds that the school was required to return. You can view the tuition refund policy and requirements and procedures for withdrawing from school at www.maricopa.edu/publicstewardship/governance/adminregs/students/2_2.php

VETERANS SERVICES (AR 2.9)

The Maricopa Community Colleges' veterans services offices act as liaisons with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Each program must be approved by the State of Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. Students may be eligible to receive educational benefits if they are registered in courses that apply to the student's approved program. Application forms, counseling, advisement and tutoring are available for students who are eligible for veteran's educational benefits. Students applying for veteran's educational benefits should allow eight to ten weeks before receiving benefits. The amount of benefits awarded is determined by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and is based on the number of credit hours or clock hours for which a student is enrolled and the length of the enrollment period for each course.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS AVAILABLE:

- Chapter 30 - Montgomery GI Bill
- Chapter 31 - Vocational Rehabilitation (separately served through the local VA office)
- Chapter 32 - VEAP Program
- Chapter 35 - Survivors and dependents of deceased/100% disabled veterans
- Chapter 1606 - Montgomery GI Bill, Selected Reserve

It is the student's responsibility to notify the office that serves veterans at their campus regarding any change in enrollment, address, program of study, enrollment at another institution, or any other change that may impact their veteran's educational benefits.

Those students receiving benefits must follow the VA academic progress policy to continue to receive benefits.
Academic Progress Policy for Students Receiving Veteran's Educational Benefits

Credit Hours for Which Grade Points are Computed at Resident Maricopa Community College (A, B, C, D, F, and Y)	Minimum Grade Point Average Required
12-15	1.60
16-30	1.75
31-45	1.90
46 +	2.00



Department of Veterans Affairs regulations require that all persons using any type of veteran educational assistance program be making satisfactory academic progress toward achievement of their educational objective (program of study). A student who does not meet the minimum standards (see above) will be placed on probation for a maximum of two (2) consecutive semesters. At this point, if satisfactory academic progress has not been demonstrated, veteran educational benefits will be terminated. Benefits may be resumed when the student raises the cumulative grade point average to the required minimum standards or demonstrates the ability to meet these standards through the approval of a written appeal. For appeal procedures, contact the office that serves veterans at your campus.

For additional details and information regarding veteran's educational benefits, contact the office that serves veterans at your campus.

SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS

ACADEMIC LOAD (AR 2.3.1)

The following guidelines are for institutional purposes. Rules regarding academic load for financial aid eligibility, veteran benefits and athletic eligibility may be defined differently.

- Students carrying at least twelve (12) credit hours will be considered full-time students for the fall and spring semesters. Three-quarter-time is 9-11.9 credit hours. Half-time is 6-8.9 credit hours. Fewer than six (6) credit hours is considered less than half-time. Academic load for summer and special terms may be defined differently. Contact the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services for clarification.
- Courses may vary in length, and begin and end throughout the year. A credit hour indicates the value of an academic credit. Standards for the awarding of credit hours may be time based or competency based. To obtain credit, a student must be properly registered and must pay fees for the course. The fall and spring semesters are typically sixteen (16) weeks in length. Summer sessions are typically five or eight weeks in length.
- Students desiring to take more than eighteen (18) credit hours must obtain approval from the designated college official. Ordinarily, only students with a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the preceding semester or first semester students who were in the upper quarter of their high school graduating class are permitted to carry more than eighteen (18) credit hours.
- Students participating in extra-curricular or co-curricular activities or receiving financial assistance may be required to maintain a specified minimum academic load.
- Students who are working, have considerable extra-curricular or co-curricular activities, or have been reinstated from academic suspension/probation should plan their academic load accordingly.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students may change their schedule by following the designated procedures at their college of enrollment. It is the student's responsibility to notify the college if he/she will no longer be attending class (see Appendix S-7 for Withdrawal Procedures).

ATTENDANCE (AR 2.3.2)

- Only persons who are registered for a class at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges may attend that class.
- Attendance requirements are determined by the course instructor. Students who do not meet the attendance requirement as determined by the course instructor may be withdrawn.
- Students who fail to attend the first scheduled class meeting, or to contact the instructor regarding absence before the first scheduled class meeting may, at the option of the instructor, be withdrawn.
- At the beginning of each course, each faculty member will provide students with written attendance requirements. It is the student's responsibility to consult with the instructor regarding official or unofficial absences. Absences begin to accumulate with the first scheduled class meeting.
- Students bear the responsibility of notifying the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services when they discontinue studies in a course or at the college. Please refer to Appendix S-7 for Withdrawal Procedures.

1. Official Absences

- A. Official absences are those which occur when students are involved in an official activity of the college (e.g., field trips, tournaments, athletic events) and present an official absence excuse form. Absences for such events shall not count against the number of absences allowed by an instructor or department. Students who must miss a class for an official reason must obtain an official absence verification card from the appropriate vice president or designee, and present it to the appropriate instructor(s) before the absence. Prior arrangements must be made with each instructor for make-up work. If prior arrangements have been made, the student will not be penalized.
- B. Other official absences include jury duty and subpoenas. Appropriate documentation will be required. Prior arrangements must be made with each instructor for makeup work. If prior arrangements have been made, the student will not be penalized.



- C. In the event of military commitments. Absences for periods of up to one week will not be counted against the number of absences allowed by an instructor or department. The student is required to provide appropriate documentation of the specific orders, length of assignment and location. Prior notification must be initiated with each instructor to discuss make-up work. If the length of the absence will be longer than one week, the instructor and the student will determine whether there is sufficient opportunity for the student to make up the work. If it is determined that the length of absence for the military commitment provides an undue hardship on the student’s ability to make up the assignments, he or she will be provided an opportunity to request an incomplete grade or drop the class or, in the case of open-entry classes, the opportunity to request an extension.
- D. In the event of the death of an immediate family member, absences for periods of up to one week will not be counted against the number of absences allowed by an instructor or department. Students should contact instructor(s) as soon as possible to arrange for make-up work. Appropriate documentation will be required (for example, a copy of the obituary or funeral program). In specialized programs that require clinical rotations, this regulation may not apply.

2. Religious Holidays

Students shall have the right to observe major religious holidays without penalty or reprisal by any administrator, faculty member or employee of the Maricopa Community Colleges. Absences for such holidays shall not count against the number of absences allowed by an instructor or department. At least one week before the holiday, students shall submit to their instructor(s) a written statement which includes both the date of the holiday and the reason why class attendance is impossible. Prior arrangements must be made with each instructor for make-up work. If prior arrangements have been made, the student will not be penalized.

GRADING (AR 2.3.3)

1. Policy

It is the policy of the Maricopa Community Colleges that a grade will be assigned at the conclusion of the course. Official grades are available on designated college web sites.

Grade Key	
A Excellent	4 grade points per credit hour
B Above Average	3 grade points per credit hour
C Average	2 grade points per credit hour
D Passing	1 grade point per credit hour
F Failure	0 grade point per credit hour
I Incomplete	Not computed in grade point average
IP Course In Progress	Not computed in grade point average
N Audit	Not computed in grade point average
P* Credit	Not computed in grade point average
W Withdrawn, passing	Not computed in grade point average
Y Withdrawn, failing (effective Fall 2000)	0 grade point per credit hour
Z No Credit	Not computed in grade point average

*A "P" is judged to be equivalent to a grade of C or higher.

2. Incomplete Grade

- A. Students who are doing acceptable work may request an incomplete grade "I" if they are unable to complete the course requirements by the end of the term because of illness or other extenuating circumstances. If the request is approved by the instructor, he or she shall define, in a written/electronic contract, how the course will be completed.
- B. Students must complete the requirements within the time period agreed to—maximum time allowed is seven (7) months from the last date of class in which the grade of incomplete was assigned. Students who do not complete the requirements within seven (7) months will have their grade recorded in accordance with the written contract. Students should NOT reregister for the course to complete the contract.

3. Repeating a Course/Improving a Grade

To improve a previously earned grade, students may repeat the course up to three times after the initial attempt to improve a grade. (A “W” or “Y” is not considered an attempt.) Students planning to repeat a course should seek advisement prior to enrolling. The lower grade(s) for repeated courses will automatically be excluded from the grade point calculation. All enrollments in a course will appear on the transcript. Check individual courses and programs for exceptions.

4. Credit/No Credit Courses (P/Z)

- A. Some courses may be taken under a credit/no credit grading system. These courses carry grades of P (credit, equivalent to a grade of C or higher) or Z (no credit) and are not computed in the student's grade point average. Credits earned with a grade of P may be counted toward graduation with the exception of AGECE (Arizona General Education Curriculum).



- B. The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See “Important Deadlines for Students.”
- C. In courses with credit/no credit (P/Z) grading, the student may request standard grading (A,B,C,D,F), within fourteen (14) days including the date of the first class meeting. The instructor must immediately notify the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services.
- D. In courses with standard grading (A, B, C, D, F), the instructor determines if the credit/no credit option is available. If the option is available, the student must obtain the permission of the instructor. The instructor must notify the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services within fourteen (14) days including the day of the first class meeting.
- E. It is the student's responsibility to verify the transferability of credit/no credit courses. Some universities place a limitation on the number of credit/no credit courses that can be transferred.

Advisory note: Some institutions outside the Maricopa Community Colleges may translate the Z grade as failing.

5. Audit Courses

- A. Auditors are those who enroll in a course for the sole purpose of obtaining information; they receive no credit, grades, homework, or tests. If an auditor wishes to earn credit, he or she must change from audit status to credit status within the first week. If a student wishes to audit a course for which he or she is enrolled for credit, the change must be made within the first five (5) weeks of a semester. Auditors are subject to the same attendance policies as other students and must meet the same prerequisite requirements or obtain approval of the instructor. See the fee schedule for charges. Financial aid is not available for audited courses.
- B. The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See “Important Deadlines for Students.”

6. Important Deadlines for Students (see chart on the following page)

ACADEMIC PROBATION (PROGRESS) (AR 2.3.4)

1. Probation

A student will be placed on academic probation after completion of twelve (12) or more credit hours, the student's cumulative grade point average is less than:

Credit Hours for Which Grade Points are Computed at Resident Maricopa Community College (A, B, C, D, F, and Y)	Minimum Grade Point Average Required
12-15	1.60
16-30	1.75
31-45	1.90
46 +	2.00

(Students should also be aware that graduation requires a cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.00).

Students on academic probation may take no more than twelve (12) credit hours per semester unless approved by the Admissions and Standards Committee.

2. Continued Probation

A student on academic probation who fails to raise the cumulative grade point average to the required minimum standards (see above) will be placed on continued probation and may be limited to taking six (6) credit hours. Regulations regarding continued probation do not apply to the summer session. Credit hours earned in summer sessions will be included in the cumulative grade point average.



INSTRUCTIONAL GRIEVANCE PROCESS (AR 2.3.5 & APPENDIX S-6)

A student who feels that he or she has been treated unfairly or unjustly by a faculty member with regard to an academic process such as grading, testing, or assignments, has the right to appeal according to the approved procedures.

The appeal process for grades expires one year from the date the grade was issued. Steps outlining the process are available in Appendix S-6.

Appendix S-6: Instructional Grievance Process

A student who feels that he/she has been treated unfairly or unjustly by a faculty member (full-time or part-time) with regard to an academic process such as grading, testing or assignments, should discuss the issue first with the faculty member involved. This conference should be requested by the student within fifteen (15) working days from the time the student knew or reasonably should have known about the unfair or unjust treatment.

This instructional grievance process should not be utilized in a case in which a student feels he/she has experienced discrimination. If the student feels that he/she has experienced discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation, the student should refer to the Discrimination Complaint Procedures for Students as administered by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Steps for students to follow:

1. If, within ten (10) working days of the request for the conference with faculty member, the problem is not resolved or the faculty member has been unable to meet with the student, the student may continue the process by filing a written complaint with the Department/Division Chairperson and appropriate administrative officer at the college/center. This written complaint must be filed within ten working days following the previous deadline. The written complaint will be given to the faculty member five days before any official meetings are convened.
2. Upon receipt of a written complaint, the Department/Division Chair or appropriate college administrative officer will work with the parties in an attempt to resolve the conflict. The faculty may ask that the College Faculty Senate President be in attendance. Every attempt will be made to maintain confidentiality during this process. A faculty member will not be required to respond to a complaint which is not in writing and which, when appropriate, did not have specific documentation including dates, times, materials, etc. The written complaint will be made available to the faculty member.
3. If the grievance is not resolved at this level within ten working days, the student should forward to vice president of academic affairs or designee, a copy of the original written complaint with an explanation regarding action taken at each prior level. The dean of instruction or appropriate college/ center administrative officer will meet with the student, faculty member, the College Faculty Senate President if requested by the faculty member, and Department/Division Chair and attempt to resolve the issues. This level will be the final step in any grievance process regarding grades.
4. If the grievance, other than those concerning grades, is not resolved by the vice president of academic affairs or designee, it may be forwarded in writing by the student to the college president for final resolution. The college president or designee will issue a final written determination in the grievance process.

Note: The appeal process for grades expires one year from the date the grade was issued.

WITHDRAWAL (AR 2.3.6)

To withdraw from a course or courses from the college, students must follow approved procedures (See Appendix S-7). The Office of Admissions and Records provides information about the withdrawal process. The official date of withdrawal is the date the withdrawal is received in the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services.

Never attending is not an allowable refund exception or an excuse of the debt incurred through registration. Please see the refund policy.

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR STUDENTS**

Class Length	Deadline for Students to Withdraw with Guaranteed Grade of W	Deadline for Students to Withdraw from a Course (Instructor Signature Required)	Deadline for Students to Request Complete Withdrawal from the College	Deadline to Change Type of Grading (A-F to P/Z, or P/Z to A-F)	Deadline to Change from Audit Grade to Credit Grade	Deadline to Change from Credit Grade to Audit Grade
One Week or less (1 to 7 days)	1st Day of Class	1st Day of Class or Prior to the Last Day of Class	1st Day or Class or Prior to the Last Day of Class	1st Day of Class	1st Day of Class	1st Day of Class
Two Weeks (8 to 14 days)	3rd Calendar Day	6th Calendar Day	6th Calendar Day	1st Calendar Day	1st Day of Class	3rd Calendar Day
Three Weeks (15 to 21 days)	6th Calendar Day	12th Calendar Day	12th Calendar Day	2nd Calendar Day	1st Day of Class	5th Calendar Day
Four Weeks (22 to 28 days)	9th Calendar Day	17th Calendar Day	17th Calendar Day	3rd Calendar Day	2nd Calendar Day	7th Calendar Day
Five Weeks (29 to 35 days)	12th Calendar Day	23rd Calendar Day	23rd Calendar Day	4th Calendar Day	2nd Calendar Day	9th Calendar Day
Six Weeks (36 to 42 days)	14th Calendar Day	29th Calendar Day	29th Calendar Day	5th Calendar Day	3rd Calendar Day	11th Calendar Day
Seven Weeks (43 to 49 days)	17th Calendar Day	35th Calendar Day	35th Calendar Day	5th Calendar Day	3rd Calendar Day	12th Calendar Day
Eight Weeks (50 to 56 days)	20th Calendar Day	41st Calendar Day	41st Calendar Day	6th Calendar Day	3rd Calendar Day	15th Calendar Day
Nine Weeks (57 to 63 days)	23rd Calendar Day	46th Calendar Day	46th Calendar Day	7th Calendar Day	4th Calendar Day	17th Calendar Day
Ten Weeks (64 to 70 days)	26th Calendar Day	52nd Calendar Day	52nd Calendar Day	8th Calendar Day	5th Calendar Day	19th Calendar Day
Eleven Weeks (71 to 77 days)	29th Calendar Day	58th Calendar Day	58th Calendar Day	9th Calendar Day	5th Calendar Day	21st Calendar Day
Twelve Weeks (78 to 84 days)	32nd Calendar Day	63rd Calendar Day	63rd Calendar Day	10th Calendar Day	5th Calendar Day	23rd Calendar Day
Thirteen Weeks (85 to 91 days)	35th Calendar Day	70th Calendar Day	70th Calendar Day	10th Calendar Day	5th Calendar Day	25th Calendar Day
Fourteen Weeks (92 to 98 days)	38th Calendar Day	76th Calendar Day	76th Calendar Day	11th Calendar Day	6th Calendar Day	27th Calendar Day
Fifteen Weeks (99 to 105 days)	41st Calendar Day	82nd Calendar Day	82nd Calendar Day	12th Calendar Day	6th Calendar Day	28th Calendar Day
Sixteen Weeks or more (106 or more days)	End of the 7th Week	Two weeks before the last class period	Two weeks before the last class period	Within 14 days including the first class period	Within the first week of class	Within the first five weeks

*Deadlines are based on calendar days and begin with the first day of class.
Deadlines that fall on a weekend or holiday advance to the next college work day.*



STUDENT AND FACULTY WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES (APPENDIX S-7)

Student Withdrawal Procedures

1. Withdrawal from Specific Courses

A student may officially withdraw from specific courses in the following ways:

- A. Through the 7th week*, a student may initiate an official withdrawal from any course by completing the withdrawal process online using the student self service system or by submitting a course withdrawal form to the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services in accordance with the published deadlines. A grade of W (withdrawn, passing – not computed in the grade point average) will be assigned.
- B. After the 7th week*, a student must initiate a withdrawal request with the faculty member. If, after consultation with the student, the faculty member approves the request, a grade of W (withdrawn, passing--not computed in the grade point average) or Y (withdrawn, failing--computed in the grade point average as a failing grade) will be assigned. If the request is not approved, the student will remain in the course
- C. A student has the right to appeal a withdrawal decision according to the approved procedures. Steps outlining the process are available in Appendix S-6.

**The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See Important Deadlines for Students. Failure to file an official withdrawal form may result in failing grades and responsibility for course tuition and fees. Refunds will only be processed within the refund period.*

2. Complete Withdrawal from College

Students electing to withdraw from the college must contact the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Enrollment Services no later than two weeks* before the end of the last class meeting and may be required to file a written request.

A grade of W will be assigned in all courses for students who withdraw by the end of the 7th week* of classes. Withdrawals completed after this time will result in a grade of W (withdrawn, passing – not computed in the grade point average) or Y (withdrawn, failing – computed in the GPA as a failing grade).

**The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See Important Deadlines for Students. Failure to file an official withdrawal form may result in failing grades and responsibility for course tuition and fees. Refunds will only be processed within the refund period.*

3. Withdrawal of Financial Aid Students

In accordance with federal regulations (34CFR 668.22), a student may be required to repay federal financial aid funds if they completely withdraw or are withdrawn, or fail to earn a passing grade from all classes during a semester. Further information is available at the college Office of Student Financial Aid. This could affect a student's ability to receive Financial Aid in the future at any school.

FACULTY WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

A faculty member has the option of withdrawing a student who has accumulated unofficial absences in excess of the number of times indicated in that faculty member's attendance policy in the course syllabus (see AR 2.3.2). Students withdrawn for excessive absences may be reinstated only with the approval of the faculty member. A grade of W will be assigned through the 7th week*. After the 7th week*, a grade of W or Y will be assigned. Faculty members electing to withdraw students must record the withdrawal through the online system, including last date of attendance and withdrawal code.

**The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See Important Deadlines for Students. Failure to file an official withdrawal form may result in failing grades and responsibility for course tuition and fees. Refunds will only be processed within the refund period.*



ACADEMIC RENEWAL (AR 2.3.7)

Students who are returning after a separation of five (5) years or more from the Maricopa Community College District, may petition for academic renewal. The request must be in writing and submitted to the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services at the college where the grades were earned.

Academic renewal at one of the Maricopa Community Colleges does not guarantee that colleges outside the Maricopa Colleges will accept this action. Acceptance of academic renewal is at the discretion of the receiving institution.

1. Prior to petitioning for academic renewal, the student must demonstrate renewed academic performance by earning a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours and a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher within Maricopa Colleges after reenrollment.
2. Upon approval, all courses taken prior to reenrollment with a grade of “A,” “B,” “C,” “D,” “F,” and “Y” will be annotated as academic renewal on the student’s permanent record. All course work affected by academic renewal will not be computed in the grade point average. Courses with grades “A,” “B,” or “C” will have the associated credit hours counted in the total credit hours earned. Such credit will not be computed in the grade point average.
3. All course work will remain on the student’s permanent academic record, ensuring a true and accurate academic history.
4. The academic renewal policy may be used only once at each college and cannot be revoked once approved.
5. Students who have been granted Academic Renewal must also meet the Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress if they wish to receive financial aid.

HONORS PROGRAM (AR 2.3.8)

Each of the Maricopa Community Colleges has an honors program. Interested students should contact the college honors coordinator for information about the program and available scholarships, including the Chancellor's, Foundation's, and President's Scholarships.

PRESIDENT'S HONOR LIST

The President's Honor List for each college consists of all students who complete twelve (12) or more credit hours in residence in courses numbered 100 or higher in a given semester with a college semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

TRANSCRIPTS FOR TRANSFER (AR 2.3.10)

The transcript is issued upon written request only. Those students who want to transfer to other institutions of higher education, including other Maricopa Community Colleges, must request their transcript be sent from the Admissions and Records Office/Office of Student Enrollment Services. However, transcripts may be shared within the Maricopa Community College District without the written request of the student in compliance with FERPA.

Official transcripts will not be issued to students having outstanding debts to any of the Maricopa Community Colleges. The release of transcripts is governed by the guidance of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (see Records Policy in the Student Rights and Responsibilities section of this manual). There is no charge for unofficial transcripts, or for official transcripts sent between Maricopa Community Colleges. See the Tuition and Fee Schedule for charges for other official transcripts.