



PARADISE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Puma Early College Program



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What is Puma Early College?

- Motivated high school students take college courses in their 10th and 11th grade year. *(12th graders can join Start Sooner)*
- Complete 2-3 college classes each semester (Summer, Fall, Spring) to transfer to in-states universities and sister colleges.
- Many students complete the AGEC certificate = Arizona General Education Curriculum aka “gen-eds.”
- **FREE** campus resources including our library, tutoring, computer lab, counseling, honors scholarship, access to university transfer specialists, and more!



There's more! Puma Early College also...

- Familiarizes you with college life
- Helps you identify educational and career goals/interests
- Shows you how to find sources of financial assistance and scholarships
- Provides you with more challenging classes
- Provides continuous follow-up and support



Eligibility

- Must be a current high school student (10th grader).
- Must be available May 24-June 28 for Summer Session.
- Have a 2.6 high school GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Short essay
- Two letters of recommendation from a counselor or teacher.
- Submit a Puma Early College application (*Deadline Friday, December 18th*)



Junior Year High School

SUMMER TERM	Communication Creating College Success	COM110 AAA115	3 Credits 1 Credit	
FALL TERM	Computers Psychology	BPC110 PSY101	3 Credits 3 Credits	English Math American History Language (or other HS class)
SPRING TERM	First Year Composition Humanities	ENG101 TBD	3 Credits 3 Credits	English Math American History Language (or other HS class)

Senior Year High School

SUMMER TERM	Science Lecture & Lab	TBD	4 Credits	
FALL TERM	First Year Composition Communication Humanities	ENG102 COM225 TBD	3 Credits 3 Credits 3 Credits	Government/Economics Math HS Elective HS Elective
SPRING TERM	Science Lecture & Lab Math		4 Credits 3-5 Credits	Government/Economics HS Elective HS Elective HS Elective



GENERAL EDUCATION AGE-C-A CORE REQUIREMENTS* (35 Credits)				CREDITS	GRADE	SEMESTER	NOTES			
First-Year Composition (6 Credits)										
FYC - ENG 101 OR 107				3						
FYC - ENG 102 OR 108				3						
Literacy & Critical Inquiry (3 credits)										
L -				3						
Mathematical Applications (6 Credits)										
MA - MAT 140, 141, 142, 150, 151, 152, 187 OR any other mathematics course with the MA general education value and for which college algebra is a pre-requisite.				3			See advisor for appropriate course for major.			
CS -				3						
Humanities, Arts, & Design (6 Credits) Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline for a total of six semester credits.										
HU -				3						
HU -				3						
Social-Behavioral Sciences (6 Credits) Students are encouraged to choose courses from more than one discipline for a total of six semester credits.										
SB -				3						
SB -				3						
Natural Sciences (8 Credits) Two lab sciences are required. Only one course may be SG.										
SQ -				4						
SQ OR SG -				4						
AWARENESS AREAS May be shared with core.										
Cultural Diversity in the U.S. [C]			CR	GR	SEM	Historical [H] or Global [G] Awareness		CR	GR	SEM
			0-3					0-3		



Arizona's University & College Tuition Cost Comparison

Average Tuition & Fees
2019-2020



Arizona State University

\$10,370 Tuition Per Year (\$702 Per Credit Hour)

Northern Arizona University

\$10,650 Tuition Per Year (\$716 Per Credit Hour)

University of Arizona

\$11,769 Tuition Per Year (\$733 Per Credit Hour)

Paradise Valley Community College

35 Credit Hours Completed

Cost For 35 Credits: **\$2,975 (\$85 Per Credit Hour)**



Program Details

- Academic Structure
 - Cohort setting for first summer
 - Focus on general education curriculum (AGEC-A)
 - Students may earn between 10-21 credits a year
 - Meet with program adviser each semester, creating academic goals and applying them to a degree pathway
- Funding Available
 - PVCC provides financial assistance to students who demonstrate need through the Maricopa Grant to cover up to 12 credits per year, including textbooks. (Funding based on availability)
 - If a student attains a 3.25+ college GPA after 12 PVCC credit hours, they can apply for the Honors Achievement Scholarship (Honors Program), which provides students up to \$500 per semester.



Strengths of our Graduates



- 67% of students from the 2019 senior class will have their Arizona General Education Curriculum completed
- High rate of successful course completion, 96%
- Average college GPA of PEC graduate: 3.43
- Average credits earned upon graduation: 36.2



Program Benefits

- Earn college credit and high school credit at the same time
- Save money toward the completion of a degree
- Get a head start on college
- Ease your transition to becoming a full-time college student
- Get assistance with career and college planning through PVCC resources
- Access free resources available to PVCC students, including remote learning resources.





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APPLY TODAY!

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2020