



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 in their 10th and 11th grade year
- Enroll in **2-3 college classes** each semester term (Summer, Fall, Spring)
- **Half-day schedules**
 - i.e. 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at your high school; 12:30 PM to 1:45 PM at PVCC Union Hills or Black Mountain
- Complete program curriculum by following the **AGEC-A credit completion**
 - “Arizona General Education Curriculum”
- Access **FREE** college campus resources
 - FREE printing at Early College office, library services, tutoring services, computer lab, counseling, PVCC Honors program (and their scholarships), connections with university transfer specialists, and more!



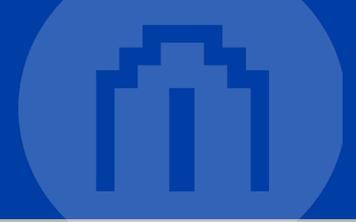
Program Details

- **Academic Structure**

- Cohort setting for first academic year (Summer, Fall, and Spring terms)
- Focus on AGECE Completion; Pathway to transfer to a university and/or obtain an Associate's degree
- Students may earn between 10-16 credits a year (*note: Dual Enrollment credits are transferrable to Puma Early College credits*)
- Meet with program adviser twice each semester
 - Advisement meetings help students set up academic goals, review college credits, enroll in classes, and answer questions
- Students are responsible to meet with high school counselor/adviser to review credit requirements & schedule changes

- **Funding Available**

- Early College provides financial assistance to students who demonstrate need - **Maricopa Grant Scholarship**
 - Covering up to 12 credit hours per academic year (Summer, Fall, and Spring terms)
 - Covered for required textbooks and needed course supplies i.e. flash drive, lab safety goggles, etc.
- The Honors Program offers the [Honors Achievement Award](#), an opportunity to earn up to \$500 on your college education and be a part of the Honors Program. Visit Honors Program website for more info.



Program Curriculum

<i>Junior Year (11th grade) High School</i>			
SUMMER TERM	COM 110	Interpersonal Communication	3 credits
	AAA 115	Creating College Success	1 credit
FALL TERM	BPC 110	Computer Usage and Applications	3 credits
	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3 credits
SPRING TERM	ENG 101	First-Year Composition	3 credits
	*Humanities	TBD	3 credits

<i>Senior Year (12th grade) High School</i>			
SUMMER TERM	*Science Lecture & Lab	TBD	4 credits
FALL TERM	ENG 102	First-Year Composition	3 credits
	COM 225	Public Speaking	3 credits
	*Humanities	TBD	3 credits
SPRING TERM	*Science Lecture & Lab	TBD	4 credits
	*Mathematics	TBD	3-5 credits



General Education AGEC-A Core Requirements (35+ Credits)**				
Value	Course	Credits	Grade	Term
First-Year Composition [FYC] (6 Credits)				
FYC	ENG101	3	A	SP20
FYC	ENG102	3	A	F20
Literacy & Critical Inquiry [L] (3 Credits)				
L	COM 225	3	A	SU20
Mathematical Applications [MA] (3-6 Credits)				
MA	MAT 187	5	B	F19
Computer/Statistics/Quantitative Applications [CS] (3 Credits)				
CS	BPC 110	3	A	F19
Humanities, Arts & Design [HU] (6 Credits)				
HU	ENH 251 [HU, G]	3	B	SP20
HU	MHL 155 [HU, C]	3	A	SU20
Social-Behavioral Sciences [SB] (6 Credits)				
SB	COM 110	3	A	SU19
SB	PSY 101	3	A	F19
Natural Sciences [SQ] [SG] (8 Credits) Two lab sciences are required. Only one course may be SG.				
SQ	BIO 181 [SQ]	4	A	F20
SQ or SG	GPH 113 [SQ]	4	A	SP20
Awareness Areas [C] [G] [H] (0-6 Credits) May be shared with core. Cultural Diversity in the U.S. [C] and/or Global [G] or Historical [H] Awareness required.				
C	MHL 155 [HU, C]	0	A	SU20
G or H	ENH 251 [HU, G]	0	B	SP20
Sub-Total:		37		

Puma Student Example

- **Followed** Puma Early College Program curriculum
- **Accumulated** 37 PVCC college credits
- **Eligible to apply** for AGEC-A Completion Certificate
- Plans on **transferring to ASU** and **pursue** bachelor's degree



Arizona's University & College Tuition Cost Comparison

Arizona State University

\$11,338 In-State

Northern Arizona University

\$11,381 In-State

Grand Canyon University ^{*private}

\$17,002 In-State

University of Arizona

\$12,384 In-State



Paradise Valley Community College & all Maricopa Community Colleges

Cost For 37 Credits: \$3,145

\$85 Per Credit Hour + \$15 registration fee



Program Eligibility

- Must be a current high school student
- Must be available between May 31st - June 30th for Summer term
- Have a 2.6 or better “unweighted” GPA score on a 4.0 scale

Complete the Puma Early College Application

**Reach out to your high school counselor for an application packet.*

- Two Recommendation Forms from high school counselor/teacher
- Typed Short-Personal Essay
- A copy of unofficial high school transcript
- A copy of ID documents
- *Optional: Maricopa Grant Scholarship application with supportive documents

Students can submit application packet with their high school counselor OR Early College Office (KSC Building, room 1206)



Overall this program, you will...

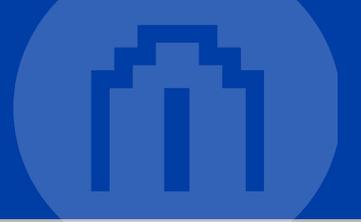
- Get a head start on your college education
- Earn college and high school credit at the same time
- Familiarize the college experience
- Identify your educational and career interests – “Fields of Interest”
- Find sources of financial assistance and scholarships, including university connections
- Experience more challenging classes
- Save a lot of \$\$\$ on your college education





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