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Admission/Registration

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 CLASSIFICATIONS

A. 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:

1. 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.
2. Has a high school certificate of equivalency.
3. Is 18 years of age or older and demonstrates evidence of potential success in the community college.
4. Is a transfer student in good standing from another college or university.

B. Admission of Students Under 18 Years of Age

1. Admission to the community colleges in Arizona shall be granted to any student who is under age 18 and who achieves the following test scores:
 - a. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) composite (verbal and math)
 - SAT I - 930 or more, or
 - SAT II - 500 or more, or an
 - b. American College Test (ACT) composite of 22 or more.
2. 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 the test scores specified in paragraph 1, subparagraphs a or b of this subsection.
3. A student admitted under this subsection is not guaranteed admission to a specific degree program or to all courses offered by the community college.

4. A community college may limit the number of credit hours in which the student may enroll to no fewer than six (6) credit hours.

C. Admission of Students in Special Status

Students not meeting any of the provisions stated above may be admitted on an individual basis with the approval of college officials, so long as the students meet the established requirements of the courses for which they enroll and the college officials determine that such admission is in the best interest of the students.

The status of "Special Admissions" may be granted to a student who:

1. Is beyond the age of compulsory high school attendance and has met the established requirements for the courses for which he or she plans to enroll based on the college assessment examinations, or
2. Is under the age of 18 and has taken the appropriate college assessment tests in order to demonstrate the knowledge of the necessary academic skill level to benefit from the course. Departments may have additional requirements to register for a course. (Signature of parent or guardian is required for students under 18), or
3. Is a participant in a special program sponsored by the admitting college.

THE COLLEGES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ENROLL STUDENTS IN COURSES. The final decision for admission to any class for students admitted under "special" status will be determined by the designated college administrator in consultation with the department chairperson.

D. Specialized Vocational/Training Program

If districts are granted authority for specialized curricula, local district boards shall adopt guidelines to determine admissibility of students for such programs.

E. 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 Office of Admissions and Records.

F. Admission of F-1 Nonimmigrant Students

Prospective students should contact the Office of Admissions and Records or designated office for the necessary student information form(s). When completed, the form(s) should be returned to the Office of Admissions and Records or designated office with all requested supporting documents. After the file has been reviewed, a notice will be sent 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 non-immigrant status must have the equivalent of a United States high school diploma. 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 Office of Admissions and Records 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.

1. 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 traditional TOEFL) or 173 (on the computer-based test.) 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 admission purposes, such as the ASSET test, COMPASS or CELSA tests.

Questions about the TOEFL should be directed to the Educational Testing Services at the following address:
TOEFL Services P.O. Box 6151 Princeton, NJ
08543-6151

2. Admission to the Intensive English Program

An applicant for admission to the Intensive English Program must provide evidence of at least intermediate command of English by way of one or more of the following criteria:

- a) At least six years of English language instruction as shown by the applicant's school transcript(s);
- b) A minimum TOEFL score of 400 (on the traditional TOEFL) or 97 (on the computer-based test);

- c) 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;

- d) Other credentials, test scores, interview results, or evidence accepted by the coordinator of the intensive English program or the college's responsible designee.

Students admitted to the 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.

3. 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 the student's average costs for 12 months to be:

Tuition and fees:	\$ 6,000 ¹
Living Expenses:	10,400 ²
Books:	800 ³
Health Insurance:	443 ⁴
Total:	\$ 17,643 ⁵

Note: The estimates for the expenses of the dependents of F-1 students (spouse and dependent children) may vary from college to college depending on the cost of living in each community. Therefore, each college should set its own estimate for dependent's expenses. However, the cost of Maricopa health insurance (\$1382 per year for a spouse and \$782 per year for each dependent child) should be added to the general cost of living and personal expenses.

4. Health Insurance

All F-1 students who have an I-20 issued by one of the Maricopa Community Colleges must have an approved health insurance plan. The plan currently in use in the Maricopa Community Colleges is administered by the Renaissance Agencies and underwritten by Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Company. For more information contact the college office of admissions and records or designated international student office.

Footnotes:

- (1) Based on 2003-2004 tuition and fee schedule with enrollment in 28-32 credits.
- (2) Based on estimated costs of apartment rental, utilities, local transportation, food, and entertainment.
- (3) Based on average new and used textbook prices. Assumes books are sold at the end of the semester.
- (4) Based on 2003-2004 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 Office of Admissions and Records at the college of attendance. There is no charge for this service.

A. 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.

B. 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.

C. Declaration of Previous College Attendance

Students who have attended other colleges are required to give the names of those colleges when they apply for admission to one of the Maricopa Community Colleges. If this is not done, enrollment in the college may be canceled.

Transfer students who do not meet the minimum grade point averages listed under Scholastic Standards may be admitted on academic probation.

D. Residency for Tuition Purposes

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. sec.) 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 Office of Admissions and Records for clarification.

Implementation

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

- C. 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.

Definitions

"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 association administration, the national guard, and any military reserve unit of any branch of the armed forces of the United States.

"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.

"County resident" means an individual who has lived in the county for at least fifty (50) days before the first day of classes of the semester.

"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.

"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.

"Full-time student" means one who registers for at least twelve (12) credit hours per semester.

"Part-time student" means one who registers for fewer than twelve (12) credit hours per semester.

"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.

Criteria for Determining Residency

In-State Student Status

- A. 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.
- B. A person is not entitled to classification as an in-state student until he or she 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:
1. His or her parent's domicile is in this state and his parent is allowed to claim him or her as an exemption for state and federal tax purposes.
 2. He or she is an employee of an employer which transferred him or her to this state for employment purposes or he or she is the spouse of such employee.
 3. He or she 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, he or she 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 his or her family is eligible for classification as an in-state student if he or she is eligible for classification as an in-state student pursuant to this paragraph.
- C. The domicile of an unemancipated person is that of such person's parent.
- D. 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.
- E. 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.
- F. 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.
- G. 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 all of the following requirements:
1. Declared Arizona as the person's legal residence with the person's branch of service at least one year prior to discharge from the armed forces.
 2. 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:
 - a) An Arizona driver license.
 - b) Arizona motor vehicle registration.
 - c) Employment history in Arizona.
 - d) Arizona voter registration.
 - e) Transfer of major banking services to Arizona.
 - f) Change of permanent address on all pertinent records.
 - g) Other materials of whatever kind or source relevant to domicile or residency status.

3. Filed an Arizona income tax return with the department of revenue during the previous tax year.

H. 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.

Alien In-State Student Status

A. An alien shall be classified as an in-state student if the alien can establish that on or before the official starting date of the semester the alien meets one of the following situations:

1. Has been domiciled in the state for at least one year immediately preceding the official starting date of the semester.
2. Is domiciled in this state and:
 - a) The domicile of the alien's parent is in this state, and
 - b) The parent is entitled to claim the alien as an exemption for federal and state tax purposes.
3. The alien is domiciled in this state and the alien is:
 - a) An employee of an employer which transferred the alien to this state for employment purposes, or
 - b) The spouse of such an employee.
4. Qualifies as an in-state refugee student by virtue of having been granted refugee status in accordance with all applicable laws of the United States and having met all other requirements for domicile in this state.

B. In establishing domicile, the alien must not hold a visa that prohibits establishing domicile in this state. After meeting other residency requirements, students holding valid, unexpired visas in the following categories may be classified as in-state students:

- A Foreign Government Official
- E Treaty Trader
- G Principal Resident Representative of Recognized Foreign Member Government to International Staff
- K Fiancé or Child of Fiancé of U.S. Citizen
- L Intracompany Transferee
- N Parent or Child Accorded Special Immigrant Status
- O Workers of "Extraordinary" Ability in Sciences, Arts, Education, Business, or Athletics
- P "Internationally Recognized" Entertainers & Athletes, "Reciprocal Exchange" or "Culturally Unique" Artists & Entertainers
- Q Cultural Exchange Visitors
- V Spouses and Dependent Children of Lawful Permanent Residents
- I-688 Employment Authorization

C. Students who hold visas as listed above, or who were issued a visa of a type other than those of the foregoing categories and have submitted an I-485 to Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) or have been out of status for at least one year, may establish domicile by complying with paragraphs A1, A2 or A3 above.

In the event a student who is not a United States citizen intends to establish domicile under paragraphs A.2.a. (dependent of parent - parent domiciled in Arizona), the student's parent, in order to establish domicile, must hold a valid, unexpired visa in one of the categories listed in paragraph B. above. To be eligible to establish domicile, the parent must

1. hold a valid visa of a type as listed in paragraph B.,
or
2. have never held a visa, **or**
3. have been issued a visa of a type other than those of the foregoing categories but be out of status for at least one year.

D. A person's status as an undocumented or illegal alien shall not preclude that person from being able to qualify as an in-state student on the same terms as other persons.

E. 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.

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:

- A. 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.
- B. Once established, a domicile is not lost by mere absence unaccompanied by intention to establish a new domicile.
- C. 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.

Proof of Residency

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

A. In-State Residency

1. An affidavit signed by the student must be filed with the person responsible for verifying residency.
2. Any of the following may be used in determining a student's domicile in Arizona:
 - a) Income tax report
 - b) Voter registration
 - c) Automobile registration
 - d) Driver's license
 - e) Place of graduation from high school
 - f) Source of financial support
 - g) Dependency as indicated on federal income tax return
 - h) Ownership of real property
 - i) Notarized statement of landlord and/or employer
 - j) Bank accounts
 - k) Other relevant information

B. County Residency

1. 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
2. Any of the following may be used to determine a student's county residency:
 - a) Notarized statements of landlord and/or employer
 - b) County voter registration
 - c) Source of financial support
 - d) Place of graduation from high school
 - e) Ownership of real property
 - f) Bank accounts
 - g) Other relevant information

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT IN ARIZONA PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION (A.R.S. §15-1807)

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)**A. 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 - page 51.)

B. 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.

"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.

"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.

"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.

C. Transcripts

The Maricopa Community Colleges reserve the right to require transcripts for clarification or admission to specific programs, for participation in official athletic events, and for determination of academic standing and eligibility. When an official transcript is required, the transcript must be sent directly to the college Office of Admissions and Records. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that 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.

D. 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.

Students must be currently enrolled in a credit course at the college at which they apply for assessment of their prior learning. Exceptions may be granted at some MCCCDC colleges for specifically approved programs

Credit awarded for prior learning does not count as hours in residence for graduation requirements. Exceptions may be granted at some MCCD colleges for their unique programs of study. No more than 20 semester credit hours may be applied to AGECE. 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 Office of Admissions and Records.

A. 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 number 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.

1. 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:

- a) training parallels a discipline area offered through the Maricopa Community Colleges, and
- b) 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.

2. 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 Educational Credit for Training Programs. If a student has received training which appears in the guide, he or she may receive college credit if:

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

3. Departmental Credit By Evaluation

Students may apply for Departmental Credit By Evaluation in certain courses by obtaining the appropriate form in the Office of Admissions and Records, 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:

- a) the evaluation of a course a second time;
- b) the evaluation of a course while currently enrolled in the course;
- c) to establish credit in a previously completed course; and
- d) to establish credit for a lower level of a course in which credit has been received.

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.

B. 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 Office of Admissions and Records from the specific testing company(s) before credit is awarded.

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

1. 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:

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

Math AP Recommendation:

<u>Exam</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Credit for Course</u>
Math-Calculus AB	3, 4 or 5	MAT 220 or MAT 221
Math-Calculus BC	3	MAT 220 or MAT 221
Math-Calculus BC	4 or 5	MAT 220 or MAT 221, and MAT 230 or MAT 231 upon completion of MAT 241
Computer Science A and AB	4 or 5	CSC 100

2. 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.

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

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:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Credit</u>
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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

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; and
- d) to establish credit for a lower level of a course in which credit has been received.

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.

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. A grade of 5 qualifies a student to receive credit for one introductory course. No credit is awarded for English B (English as a Second Language). Credit is awarded according to the "International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate Credit" table.

Examination	MCCCD		
	General	Score	Sem. Hrs. Equivalency
English Composition	50 (July 1, 2001 or later), 610 (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)	6	Elective Credit
Subject			
Accounting, Principles of	ACE Score	6	ACC Elective credit
American Government	ACE Score	3	POS 110
American Literature	ACE Score	6	ENH241,242
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	ACE Score	3	Elective credit
Biology	ACE Score	8	BIO Elective Credit*
Calculus (Calculus with Elem Functions)	ACE Score	4	MAT221
Chemistry	ACE Score	9	CHM Elective Credit*
College Algebra (1993) (replaces College Algebra [1979])	ACE Score	3	MAT152
College Algebra - Trigonometry	ACE Score	3	MAT152
English Literature	ACE Score	3	Elective credit
French Language	39-48	4	FRE101
French Language	49-53	8	FRE101, 102
French Language	54-62	12	FRE101, 102, 201
French Language	63-80	16	FRE101, 102, 201, 202
Freshman College Composition	ACE Score	3	With Essay ENG101
German Language	39-45	4	GER101
German Language	46-50	8	GER101, 102
German Language	51-59	12	GER101, 102, 201
German Language	60-80	16	GER101, 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
Introductory Business Law	ACE Score	3	GBS Elective Credit
Introductory Psychology	ACE Score	3	PSY101
Introductory Sociology	ACE Score	3	SOC101
Mathematics, College	ACE Score	3	MAT122
Macroeconomics, Principles of (replaces Introductory Macroeconomics)	ACE Score	3	ECN111
Management Principles of	ACE Score	3	MGT Elective Credit
Marketing, Principles of	ACE Score	3	MKT271
Microeconomics, Principles of (replaces Introductory Microeconomics)	ACE Score	3	ECN112
Spanish Language	40-49	4	SPA101
Spanish Language	50-54	8	SPA101, 102
Spanish Language	55-61	12	SPA101, 102, 201
Spanish Language	62-80	16	SPA101, 102, 201, 202
Trigonometry	ACE Score	3	MAT182
U.S. History I - Early Colonization to 1877	ACE Score	3	HIS103
U. S. History II - 1865 to the Present	ACE Score	3	HIS104
Western Civilization I - Ancient Near East to 1648	ACE Score	6	HIS100,101
Western Civilization II - 1648 to the Present	ACE Score	3	HIS102
*The general studies requirement in natural sciences (SQ & SG) and Literacy and Critical Inquiry (L) are not satisfied by CLEP.			

Examination	Score	MCCCD	Sem. Hrs.
Art - History	5 or 4	ARH101, 102	6
	3	ARH101 or 102	3
Art - Studio - Drawing	5	ART111, ART112	6
	4	ART111	3
Art - Studio - General	5	ART111, 112	6
	4	ART112	3
Biology	5 or 4	BIO181, BIO182	8
	3	BIO100 or Equivalent	4
Chemistry	5 or 4	CHM151/151LL and CHM152/152LL or CHM154/154LL	8 or 9
	3	CHM 151, 151LL	4
Computer Science A	5 or 4	CSC100	3
Computer Science AB	5 or 4	CSC100	3
Economics - Introductory Macroeconomics	5 or 4	ECN111	3
Economics - Introductory Microeconomics	5 or 4	ECN112	3
English - Language & Composition	5 or 4	ENG100AA, AC, AD & ENG101	6
English - Literature & Composition	5 or 4	ENG101 & ENH110	6
Environmental Science	5 or 4	No Credit	3
French - Language	5,4,3	FRE101, 102, 201, 202	16
French - Literature	5,4,3	FRE101,102,201,202	16
German - Language	5,4,3,	GER101, 102, 201, 202	16
German - Literature	5,4,3	GER101,102,201, 202	16
History - American	5 or 4	HIS103, HIS104	6
History - European	5 or 4	HIS101, 102	6
	3		3
Latin - Language	5	LAT101,102,201,202	16
	4	LAT101,102,201	12
	3	LAT101,102	8
Mathematics - Calculus AB	5, 4, or 3	MAT220 or MAT221	5
Mathematics - Calculus BC	5 or 4	MAT220 or MAT221and MAT230 or MAT231 upon completion of MAT241	8 to 10
	3	MAT220 or MAT221	5
Music	5 or 4	MTC105	3
Physics B	5 or 4	PHY111, 112	8
	3	PHY111	4
Physics C - Electricity & Magnetism	5 or 4	PHY116 - with calculus and laboratory course work	5
Physics C - Electricity & Magnetism	5 or 4	PHY112 - with laboratory course work	4
Physics C - Mechanics	5	PHY115 - with calculus and laboratory course work	4
Physics C - Mechanics	5 or 4	PHY111- with laboratory course work	4
Political Science - American Government	5 or 4	POS 110	3
Political Science - Comparative Government and Politics	5 or 4	POS 140	3
Psychology	5 or 4	PSY101	3
Spanish - Language	5,4,3,	SPA 101, 102, 201, 202	16
Spanish - Literature	5,4,3	SPA 101, 102, 201, 202	16
Statistics	5,4,3	MAT167	3

International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate Credit

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Students who present an International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate may qualify for college credit. Maricopa Colleges grant credit for college-level courses only. Credit is awarded according to the "International Baccalaureate Diploma/Certificate Credit" table.

Examination	Score	Sem. Hrs.	Equivalency
Art/Design	7, 6, or 5	6	ART 111, 112
	4	3	ART 112
Biology	7, 6, or 5	8	BIO 181, 182
	4	4	BIO 181
Chemistry	7, 6, or 5	9	CHM 151, 152
	4	4	CHM 151
Economics	7, 6, or 5	6	ECN 111, 112
	4	3	ECN 111
English A	7, 6, or 5	6	ENG101, ENG100AB, AC, AD
	4	3	ENG 100AB, AC, AD
English B	No Credit		None
Foreign Language A or B*	7, 6, or 5	8	Foreign language 101, 102
	4	4	Foreign Language 101
History - American	7, 6, or 5	6	HIS103, 104
	4	3	HIS 103
History - European	7, 6, or 5	6	HIS101, 102
	4	3	HIS101
Mathematics	7, 6, 5, or 4	4	MAT221
Physics	7, 6, or 5	8	PHY 111, 112
	4	4	PHY 111

C. Health Care Integrated Educational System (HCIES) Credit for Prior Learning

National/Regional Credential Recognition

Students who have recognized credentials related to health care 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) 731-8924. 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

Health care students may apply for credit for prior learning in certain courses. **Specific information and required forms can be found on** <http://healthcare.maricopa.edu/ican1.htm>. 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 Health Care Pathway/Program Advanced Placement in certain courses by obtaining the appropriate form(s) in the Office of Admissions and Records, 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:

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

Certain health care 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" a grade and the number of credits will appear on the student's transcript. The grade is used in computing the grade point average with the exception of courses graded P/Z.

D. Transfer Credit

Students who have had official transcripts sent directly to the Office of Admissions and Records from regionally accredited institutions of higher education may be granted credit for college-level courses in which a C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher grade has been received; but credits accepted in transfer do not necessarily apply to all certificate or degree programs. 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 the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Credits from institutions with candidate status from one of the above regional accrediting associations will be reviewed for transferability by a college committee.

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

E. 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.

F. Transfer Articulation Guidelines

Transfer Articulation with Secondary Institutions, the Maricopa Skills Center, and the Southwest Skill Center

Students who have participated in programs articulated with Maricopa Community Colleges District programs may be granted credit for prior learning as provided for in the respective articulation agreements. No fees will be assessed for credits for prior learning granted through articulation.

ulation. Articulated program credit is transferable within MCCD, but is not necessarily transferable to other colleges or universities. For proper placement in an articulated program, students should obtain a program of study from an academic advisor. Once the course requirements are completed, students must provide the valid documentation of articulated credits to the Office of Admissions and Records to place credits on their academic record.

Transfer Articulation from Arizona Public Community College Districts and Universities into the Maricopa Community Colleges

Any 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 courses were completed with a grade of C or better. Acceptance of courses other than general education requirements is determined by individual Maricopa Community Colleges.

A student transcript with the completed block of courses included in the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC-A, AGEC-B, or AGEC-S) will transfer as a block and fulfill the requirements for the corresponding AGEC at the Maricopa Community Colleges.

Maricopa Community Colleges Transfer Associate Degrees

The Maricopa Community Colleges offers three transfer Associate degrees: Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Business (ABUS), and Associate in Science (AS). Each degree articulates with specific majors offered by Arizona's public universities. In addition, the degrees are recognized and transfer based on articulation agreements with several other baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. The three transfer Associate degrees transfer as a "block" and include groups or blocks of courses, e.g. the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC), and the Common Lower-Division Courses. Completed blocks are treated as whole; the components are not examined separately to determine transferability. All credits are accepted and applied toward the designated/appropriate baccalaureate degree.

The Maricopa Community Colleges also offer Associate in Transfer Partnership (ATP) Degrees for specific majors at identified public and universities. Maricopa's Associate degrees are accessible on the web at <http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/academic/curric/prginfo.html> Click on Program/Sorting/Reporting.

Transfer Articulation from the Maricopa Community Colleges to Baccalaureate Degree-Granting Institutions

The Maricopa Community Colleges have transfer articulation agreements with private, public and international baccalaureate degree-granting institutions that have achieved full accreditation or candidacy status with a regional accreditation commission such as the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Maricopa Community Colleges transfer articulation agreements are on behalf of the district as a whole and not with individual colleges within the dis-

trict. Courses taken at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges are equally transferable by institutions wishing to enter into an articulation agreement. Additionally, the articulation agreements require that all Associate Degrees awarded by Maricopa will transfer to participating institutions as a block. As mentioned above, these blocks transfer as a whole.

Transfer Options for Maricopa Community Colleges Associate in Applied Science Degrees

The Maricopa Community Colleges Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degrees are recommended for students who want to gain a depth of technical expertise leading to employment through the completion of an occupational program. Some students may want to pursue a baccalaureate degree as well. The AAS degrees transfer as a "block" to the Bachelor of Applied Science at Arizona State University (East and West), and Northern Arizona University.

Course Acceptability and Applicability

Transfer articulation to Arizona's public baccalaureate degree-granting institutions is communicated in terms of "acceptability" and "applicability" of community college courses and programs.

To determine "acceptability" of Maricopa Community Colleges courses, refer to the Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) on the Arizona Courses Applicability System (AZCAS). The AZCAS CEG is online at <http://www.az.transfer.org/cas/>. Effective Fall 2000, the course evaluation and/or the general education designation as listed in AZCAS is valid for the term in which credits are earned and appear on the transcript. A course evaluation and/or university general education designation may be subject to change. Given that curriculum is dynamic at both the Maricopa Community Colleges and the institutions to which Maricopa Community College students transfer, students have the option to petition for equivalencies and/or general education designations.

To determine "applicability" of Maricopa Community Colleges courses and transfer associate degrees to university-specific degree requirements, refer to the Maricopa Community Colleges' Associate in Transfer Partnership degrees, the AZCAS Transfer Planning Aids, or the university transfer guides, described below.

University Transfer Guides

Each of Arizona's public universities have developed University Transfer Guides to show how Maricopa Community College courses apply to specific baccalaureate degree requirements. The transfer guides are useful both for students pursuing Associate in Transfer Partnership Degrees, as well as for students who want to transfer to Arizona's public universities to pursue degrees for which the Maricopa Community Colleges do not have Associate in Transfer Partnership Degrees. University Transfer Guides are accessible at the following web sites:

Arizona State University Main
or Arizona State University East
<http://www.asu.edu/provost/articulation/>

Arizona State University West
<http://www.west.asu.edu/tranguid/>

Northern Arizona University
<http://www.nau.edu/regist/transguide/info.htm>

University of Arizona
<http://transferguides.arizona.edu>

Arizona Course Applicability System (AZCAS) Transfer Planning Guides

A student may enter community college or university coursework into AZCAS to create a Transfer Planning Guide. The guide evaluates progress toward completing a community college transfer certificate, transfer degree, and/or an Arizona public university degree and assists students in selecting additional course work that meets the academic program requirements. The transfer planning guides are accessible at the following web site:
<http://www.az.transfer.org/cas/>

STUDENT ASSESSMENT AND COURSE PLACEMENT (AR 2.2.7)

Two important concepts shape the student assessment and course placement policy. First, academic achievement is directly related to the quality and amount of academic assessment and proper course placement students receive before their enrollment and during their college experience. Second, the Maricopa Community Colleges have a commitment to provide opportunities for a successful academic experience for students.

A. Screening

The assessment and course placement process will begin with student screening to determine if a student should take an English, reading and math placement test (ASSET/COMPASS) or an alternate form of assessment.

In this initial screening process, all students registering for the first time will be asked to complete the college student information form. This information will be stored in the student information system.

B. Course Placement Assessment

Students will be required to complete placement assessments under the following conditions:

- 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.
- The student is pursuing a degree and does not have current valid district approved placement assessments on file or does not have previous college credit in English, reading and math.
- The student does not have a high school diploma or GED, and is applying for federal financial aid.
- The student for whom English is not the primary language is required to take a test of English proficiency.

Students will be strongly encouraged to complete placement assessments under the following conditions:

- The student is taking a math course and has a college-level prerequisite on file that is more than five (5) years old.
- 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.

Students MAY be exempt from the placement assessments if at least one of the following conditions apply:

- The student has earned an associate or higher degree.
- The student has earned college credits in English, reading, and math with a grade of C or higher, and such credit is no more than five (5) years old.
- The student demonstrates that s/he has currently valid district approved placement assessments on file.

Note: Being exempt from taking the ASSET/COMPASS for course placement does not exempt the student from fulfilling the graduation requirements.

C. Other Forms of Assessment

If seeking an exemption from taking the ASSET or COMPASS, other assessments will be used to determine appropriate course placement, such as:

- Evaluation of high school transcripts
- Evaluation of college transcripts
- Evaluation of course placement assessments on file at any of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

D. Course Placement

Students are strongly urged to enroll in the courses indicated by their placement tests. This placement should be discussed with an advisor or counselor who is skilled in assessing the student's needs and factors that affect student success. A student receiving an assessment score within a designated "decision zone" must receive advisement to aid the student in selecting a course(s).

ASSET/COMPASS scores should be used only for course placement recommendations and not as an admissions criterion for any college program.

E. Waiver of Course Placement

If the student chooses to enroll in or remain in a course different than one recommended during assessment, the student will be asked to sign a waiver stating that he or she has received advisement and that the course selection is his or her decision, providing the student has met the prerequisites for the course. It will be noted on the student's records that he or she has signed a waiver and the waiver will be kept on file in the Office of Admissions and Records.

F. Implementation of Policy

To ensure consistency of assessment and student placement within the Maricopa Community Colleges:

- All colleges shall use the same assessment instruments.
- All colleges shall adhere to the same cut-off scores.
- The student shall be permitted no more than one re-test (after a 24-hour waiting period) per discipline each year (one year from date of student's original or re-test assessment at any ASSET/COMPASS assessment site).
- Assessment scores, with the exception of the reading exemption, will be valid for two years from the date of the original or re-test assessment.

Note: The dean of students 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.

G. Evaluation

The Maricopa Community Colleges will provide an ongoing evaluation of the assessment and 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.

ACADEMIC ADVISING (AR 2.2.6)

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.

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.

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.

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:

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

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 Admissions. Enrollment is not complete until tuition and fees are paid. Students may not attend a class for which they are not registered.

EMISSIONS CONTROL COMPLIANCE (AR 2.4.6)

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-1444 C. no vehicle shall be allowed to park in any college parking lot unless it complies with A.R.S. §49-542 (the vehicle emissions inspection program). At the time of course registration, every out-of-county and out-of-state students will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the student's vehicle meets the requirements of A.R.S. §49-542. Vehicles which are not in compliance are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

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 transcripts be sent from the Office of Admissions and Records. 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 section). There is no charge for unofficial transcripts, or for official transcripts sent between Maricopa Community Colleges. See the Tuition and Fees Schedule for charges for other official transcripts.

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. sec.) 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 Office of Admissions and Records 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. Enrollment is not complete until tuition and fees are paid.

B. Tuition and Fees Schedule

(effective July 1, 2004 for Fall, Spring and Summer Sessions)

These tuition and fees are subject to change. Consult the college's Office of Admissions and Records for fees in effect at the time you intend to register.

Student Status

1. **County Resident - Resident Rate** - per credit hour **\$55.00**
General Tuition: \$53.50 plus Fees: \$1.50
2. **County Resident - Audit Rate** - per credit hour **\$80.00**
Audit Fee Surcharge: \$25.00 plus General Tuition: \$53.50 plus Fees: \$1.50
3. **Out-of-County Resident** **\$214*****
(7 & more credit hours systemwide) - per credit hour. Out-of-County Surcharge: \$159*** (Applies only to counties with no community college) plus General Tuition: \$53.50 plus Fees: \$1.50
4. **Out-of-State Resident*** **\$220.00**
(Including F-1 Non-immigrants - 7 & more credit hours systemwide) - per credit hour. Out-of-State Surcharge: \$165.00 plus General Tuition: \$53.50 plus Fees: \$1.50
5. **Unclassified Student-Out-of-County, Out-of-State*** **\$80.00**
(Less than 7 credit hours system-wide) - per credit hour. Unclassified Student Surcharge: \$25.00 plus General Tuition: \$53.50 plus Fees: \$1.50
6. **Out-of-State students participating in Western Undergraduate Exchange Program*** **\$82.50**
(Any number of credit hours) - per credit hour. WUE Out-of-State Surcharge: \$27.50 plus General Tuition: \$53.50 plus Fees: \$1.50
7. **Courses offered out of Arizona, including distance learning, to non-resident out-of-state students****
Total tuition per credit hour **\$135.00**

8. **Corporate Tuition Rate - Out-of-State*** **\$131.00**
(Any number of credit hours) for out-of-state employees of companies in training contracts with Maricopa - per credit hour. Out-of-State Surcharge: \$76.00 plus General Tuition: \$53.50 plus Fees: \$1.50
9. **Skill Center Tuition Rates** Hourly Tuition: **\$4.10**
10. **Credit by Examination & Credit by Evaluation**
- per credit hour - excludes HCIES courses
Regular Rate: **\$42.50**
Contract Testing Rate: **\$21.25**

Students from the following counties are considered out-of-county and should check with their local County Board of Supervisors about out-of-county tuition and fee payments:

- Apache
- Greenlee
- Santa Cruz

Students from any other county in Arizona are considered in-county due to a reciprocal arrangement with that county.

* According to A.R.S. §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 15-1429, community college districts are excluded from counting as FTSE those students who reside out of the state but are taking an AZ community college district distance learning course or a classroom based credit course.

*** Rate for 2004-2005 not determined at time of printing. Rates set according to Arizona Revised Statute. Applies only to counties with no community college.

Special Fees

The following fees are in addition to applicable tuition and fees:

Check Returned from Bank	\$15.00
Child Care Fees: (per clock hour or per Noted)	
GCC	\$1.75
- Drop-in	\$2.00
- For each 15 minutes of late pick-up	\$6.00
- Registration per semester - Students	\$15.00
All other colleges	Rates vary per college
Course Materials Fee	Actual cost
Distance Learning Fees	Actual cost
Emergency Medical Technology (EMT)	Not to exceed \$400.00
Excessive Laboratory Breakage	Actual cost
Field Studies	Actual cost
Fitness Center	\$20.00
GED (Fees based on State D.O.E.)	
- First Test	\$50.00
- Test repeat (per section)	\$10.00
General Laboratory & Course Fees	Not to exceed \$25.00
Graduation Fees:	
- Application/Recording/Issuance Fee (Degrees/Certificates - 25 or more credits) (Non refundable)	\$5.00
- Commencement Fee (One time fee refundable up to 2 weeks prior to graduation)	\$25.00
HCIES Skills Demonstration	
Assessment Fee	Actual cost
Health Education Systems, Inc. Practical Nurse (HESI-PN) for advanced placement	Actual cost
Library Fines - lost materials	(Item List price) + \$5.00
Nursing Entrance Test (NET)	Actual cost
Parking Fines:	
(All fines are doubled if not paid within 15 working days.)	
-Displaying an altered or substituted permit	\$50.00
-Failure to register a vehicle and display a parking permit	\$30.00
-Falsifying information on vehicle registration application	\$50.00
-Improperly displaying a parking permit	\$15.00
-Obstructing a properly parked/moving vehicle	\$15.00
-Parking beyond posted time limit	\$15.00
-Parking by a college employee or student in a visitor area	\$15.00
-Parking in a Fire Lane	\$50.00
-Parking in an unauthorized parking area	\$25.00
-Parking in an undesignated, restricted, or unauthorized off-pavement area	\$15.00
-Parking on or blocking a pedestrian path	\$15.00
-Parking outside stall lines	\$15.00
-Removing a barricade or failure to obey vehicle control device	\$25.00
-Violating disabled parking stall or access	\$50.00
PED Special Course Charge	Actual cost

Private Music Lessons:**Music Majors**

- First 1/2 hr per wk/per semester	\$0.00
- Second 1/2 hr per wk/per semester	\$90.00

Non-Music Majors

- First 1/2 hr per wk/per semester	\$280.00
- Each additional 1/2 hr per wk/per semester	\$280.00

Registration Processing Fee:

- assessed on a per student, per semester, per college basis	
- Refundable only if student qualifies for 100% refund - see refund schedule	

Transcript Fee**College Specific Fees: (not inclusive)**

(Note: the following fees are GCC-specific. Other MCCCDC colleges may have other fees. Please refer to the catalog of the institution of attendance for fees specific to that college. Fees subject to change.)

Anthropology Field School Fee (non-refundable)

ASB 231	\$80.00
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Auto Body AUT 121AA, 122AA

The following apply in addition to regular lab fees:

AUT 270AA, additional fees for AUT 103AB	\$95.00
AUT 270AA, additional fees for AUT 107AC	\$65.00
AUT 270AA, additional fees for AUT 108AB	\$95.00
AUT 270AA, additional fees for AUT 109AC	\$95.00

Field Trips & Out-of-County/**Out-of-Country Tours**

(Special assessment directly related to actual cost of trip or tour.)

Fire Science FSC 102 - Fire Ops I**Mathematics MAT 082, 092, 122, 151****Nursing**

NUR 180, 280	\$30.00
NUR 181	\$55.00
NUR 281	\$40.00

Peace Officer Certification

AJS 102 - Peace Office Certification I	\$150.00
AJS 140	\$35.00
AJS 153	\$35.00
AJS 202 - Peace Officer Certification II	\$100.00
AJS 286 - AZ Post Notebook & Targets	\$50.00
AJS 287	\$35.00
AJS 289	\$35.00

PED Special Course Fee**Tractor Trailer Driving TDD 103AA**

Students may incur expenses beyond the established fees in certain courses.

Non-Credit Courses/Seminars/Workshops/Community Services

Fees for these courses are determined by the length and type of each course and will cover total costs.

C. 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:

1. The college fiscal agent is responsible for:
 - a) verifying the student's districtwide debt,
 - b) notifying the student of the debt,
 - c) attempting to collect the debt, and
 - d) notifying credit reporting organizations of the debt.
2. All Maricopa Community College services will be withheld pending payment of debt at college fiscal office with cash, certified check or money order. Student may be withdrawn from classes.
3. If other attempts fail, the Maricopa Community Colleges District Office will either collect or use other means available, including:
 - a) collection agency, requiring payment of collection fees by the student;
 - b) the Tax Refund Setoff Programs as stated in A.R.S. §42-133;
 - c) litigation, requiring payment of court costs and legal fees by the student.

D. Discounted Fees and Waivers

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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)

A. 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 work-day except for classes 1-9 calendar days in length or as specified by the college. Calendar days include weekdays and weekends. Refer to individual colleges for withdrawal and appeal processes.

<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.

All refunds and deposits that may be due a student will first be applied to debts owed to the college.

Refunds for students receiving federal financial assistance are subject to federal guidelines.

B. 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.

C. Canceled Classes

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

D. Other Refunds

Students withdrawing from a college or from courses for one of the following reasons must submit a written request for a refund to the Office of Admissions and Records or designated college official:

- 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.
- Serious illness or death of a family member that prevents the student from attending all classes for the semester. Appropriate documentation must be provided before a refund can be given.
- Death of a student. Appropriate documentation must be provided before a refund can be given.

Requests for a total withdrawal from a college or courses for one of the above reasons may result in a prorated refund of tuition, provided courses have not been completed.

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.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (AR 2.2.11 & Appendix E)

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.

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/>. Caution: Other web sites may charge a fee. 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.

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.

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. The student must meet the following minimum standards in order to receive financial aid.

I. Evaluation of Financial Aid Eligibility

- A. Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) are applied once per year, beginning on or about June 1st to determine the eligibility for the following academic year.
- B. The evaluation period will be based on attendance in the immediate prior Spring, Fall, Summer term (example: for 2004-2005 academic year, academic progress will be evaluated on Spring 2004, Fall 2003, and Summer2003).
- C. Credits evaluated will include credits attempted at the evaluating school and courses funded through consortium agreement.
- D. Students who do not meet the SAP will be notified. The student may follow the appeal process or the reinstatement procedures as outlined in V and VI.

II. Eligibility

- A. Students must meet the following criteria:
 1. Students who have attempted at least 6 credit hours in the last evaluation period must complete with a passing grade 2/3 of all credits attempted within that evaluation period, **OR**
 2. Students who have **NOT** attempted at least 6 credit hours in the last evaluation period must complete with passing grades 2/3 of **ALL** credits attempted.

AND

- B. All students must meet the following minimum credit hour/cumulative GPA requirement

<u>Credits Attempted*</u>	<u>Min GPA</u>
12-15	1.60
16-30	1.75
31-45	1.90
46 +	2.00

*for which grade points are computed.

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.

III. Maximum Time Frame Eligibility

- A. Students who have attempted more than 150% of the credits required for their program of study are not considered to be making Satisfactory Academic Progress and, therefore, are ineligible for financial aid funds.
- B. All evaluated transfer credits will be included when determining Maximum Time Frame Eligibility.
- C. A student with a Bachelor's degree or higher will be considered to have exhausted Maximum Time Frame Eligibility. An exception to this rule occurs if the student is enrolled in a state-approved teacher certification program.
- D. A student may appeal as outlined in V.
- E. Reinstatement procedures as outlined in VI are not applicable to Maximum Time Frame Eligibility.

IV. Repeated, Audited, Consortium, Remedial Courses, Summer Sessions

- A. Financial aid may be used to cover the cost of repeated courses.
- B. Audited courses, non-credit courses, credit by examination, and any credit for prior learning option (as outlined in the catalog) are excluded when determining eligibility for financial aid.
- C. Courses funded through a consortium agreement are included in determining academic progress.
- D. All attempted remedial credits will be included when evaluating SAP. (A maximum of 30 remedial credit hours, excluding ESL courses, may be funded.)
- E. Enrollment in any or all summer sessions within the same calendar year will be considered one term.

V. Appeal Process

- A student who has lost financial aid eligibility due to extenuating circumstances may appeal.
- A. Extenuating circumstances that may be considered include: personal illness or accident, serious illness or death within immediate family, or other circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student.
 - B. All appeals must be in writing to the Financial Aid Office where the student is applying for aid and include appropriate documentation.
 - C. Examples of documentation could include an obituary notice, divorce decree, or a letter from a physician, attorney, social services agency, parole officer, etc.
 - D. The condition or situation must be resolved which will allow the student the ability to complete course work successfully or an appeal will not be granted.

- E. The outcome of an appeal may include approval, a probationary period, or denial.
- F. A student will be notified in writing of the results of the appeal, and of any restrictions or conditions pertaining to their appeal.

VI. Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility

- A. A student who has lost financial aid eligibility may be reinstated after the student has taken (without federal funds) at least six credit hours in a semester, passed all attempted credit hours, and meets minimum cumulative GPA requirements.
- B. If the student attempts more than six hours, the student will be evaluated on all attempted credit hours within that term.
- C. Classes taken at other colleges will not be taken into consideration for reinstatement purposes.
- D. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Office of Student Financial Aid when this condition has been met.

For more information, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid.

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 page 51 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.

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.