Important Web Resources

www.tusd.k12.az.us Tucson Unified School District
www.pima.edu Pima Community College

College Searches
www.metedu.org Regional College Access Center; also has scholarship and financial aid information
www.mapping-your-future.org Get help in planning for College and Career destinations; college search through a link to the College board database

College Admission Testing
www.collegeboard.com Register for the SAT® Reasoning and/or SAT® Subject Tests; find proactive SAT® questions and advance placement exams, and data on more than 3,000 two- and four-year colleges.
www.act.org Register for the ACT® and try sample questions.

Financial Aid and Scholarships
www.pima.edu To learn about Pima Community College Foundation scholarships, at Pima's Web site, click on Foundation & Alumni, then “Ways to Give”, then “Scholarships”.
www.finaid.org Federal financial aid information and free scholarship service
www.fafsa.ed.gov Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application online or request a form to be mailed to you.
www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov Complete a FREE application for federal student aid and read other important information about financial aid.
www.fastweb.com FREE scholarship service
www.gocollege.com FREE scholarship service

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

Jobs and Careers
www.bls.gov/OCS
www.azcis.intocareers.org

You Can Do It!
A college degree can help you reach your dreams of being a teacher, astronaut, doctor, nurse, athlete, actress or whatever you want to be. Plan early and follow the steps in each grade level.

What Classes Do I Need to Take?
(Ninth through 12th Grades)
The Arizona state university system requires the following college preparatory pattern of classes for admission:

### Subject Requirements

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<tr>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>In-state University (ASU, NAU, UA)</th>
<th>Selective Colleges</th>
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<td>English</td>
<td>4 credits total; one each for freshman, sophomore, junior &amp; senior years</td>
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<td>Mathematics</td>
<td>Geometry</td>
<td>4 years, including Algebra 1-2, Geometry, Algebra 3-4 and advanced math for which Algebra 3-4 is a prerequisite</td>
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<td>3 credits (Class of 2012)</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>2 credits (Class of 2012)</td>
<td>3 years, including Chemistry-Physics, Biology and Chemistry, Physics or Earth Science</td>
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<td>Social Studies</td>
<td>3 credits (Classes of 2012 &amp; 2013)</td>
<td>2 years must include American History</td>
<td>4 years, including World Geography, World History and all other required Social Studies classes</td>
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<td>Foreign Language</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>2 years of the same Foreign Language</td>
<td>4 years in the same language</td>
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<td>Fine Arts/Practical Arts/ Vocational Education</td>
<td>1 credit</td>
<td>1 year of a Fine Art</td>
<td>1 year in Visual and Performing Arts</td>
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<td>Electives</td>
<td>8.5 credits</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ELECTIVES</strong></td>
<td>20 credits (Class of 2012)</td>
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<td>22 credits (Class of 2013)</td>
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<td>Test Requirements</td>
<td>Pass the AIMS Test (Reading, Writing, Math)</td>
<td>ACT® or SAT® test</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>3.0 unweighted Core GPA or 22 ACT® or 1040 SAT® (Critical Reading &amp; Math)</td>
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Sixth & Seventh Grades

- Talk to your school counselor about courses that will prepare you for college.
- Complete a college prep English course.
- Take mathematics courses, such as pre-Algebra.

Eighth Grade

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

Ninth Grade

- Take required courses that meet college admission standards. These may include Algebra I, Geometry, college prep English and a foreign language.
- Take the ACT® EXPLORE®.
- Prepare for AIMS Reading, Writing and Math Assessments.

How Will I Pay for College?

- PCC tuition and fees are among the lowest in the nation for a two-year public community college.
- You may qualify for financial aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- If you earn good grades in high school, meet financial need requirements and are an Arizona resident, you may be eligible for a Pell Grant (www.FAFSA4caster.ed.gov), which does not have to be repaid.

How Can Families Help Students Succeed?

- Help your child with homework and meet with teachers and counselors to discuss coursework that will prepare your child for college.
- Talk to your children about careers that interest them and what college they would like to attend.
- Research financial aid, scholarships and grants. Consider opening a college savings account at ScholarShare (www.scholarshare.com).
- Identify colleges and universities for your children to take campus tours and get information about programs, admission requirements and financial aid.

How Important Are Grades?

- If your grade point average (GPA) in college preparatory courses taken in 10th through 12th grades is 3.0 or above, you automatically meet the minimum eligibility requirements for most programs.
- If your GPA is between 2.0 and 3.0, your eligibility depends on your GPA in combination with your ACT® or SAT® test score.
**10th Grade**

- Take Geometry or Algebra II.
- Take college prep English.
- Take ACT® PLAN®, which helps you prepare for the ACT®.
- Take part in enrichment programs and summer workshops at PCC campuses in such subjects as music, science, engineering, writing and filmmaking.
- Prepare for AIMS Reading, Writing and Math Assessments.

**11th Grade**

- Review with your school counselor the classes you need to take to meet PCC’s admission standards, including Algebra II or advanced math and English with emphasis on writing and critical reading.
- If you are taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes, you should register to take your AP exams in the spring. You can earn college credit for AP courses if you score well on the test(s).
- October: Register for the Preliminary SAT®/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test®, a practice exam for the SAT® that also makes you eligible for a National Merit Scholarship.
- Register for the ACT® (www.actstudent.org) or the SAT® (Scholastic Assessment Test) early. If you take the exam in the spring or summer, you will get the results in time to see if you need to retake it in the fall. Some universities require you to take the ACT® or the SAT® by October of your senior year.

**12th Grade**

- Take English and other courses required for Arizona state university admission. Advanced math courses, such as Trigonometry or Analytic Geometry/Calculus, also are recommended.
- Take a 12th grade mathematics course with a prerequisite of Algebra or Algebra II to improve your math skills. Select a 12th grade English course that includes critical reading and the development of writing skills.
- Early September: Register for the October ACT® (www.actstudent.org) or SAT® (www.collegeboard.com); apply for scholarships (Check with your counselor or career center for information.)
- Early November: Register for the December ACT® or SAT® if you are retaking the exam.
- March-May: Register for any college assessment tests, unless you are exempt.
- Late Spring: Students taking AP classes should take the AP exams. You can earn college credit for AP courses if you score well on the tests.