PARADISE VALLEY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Paradise Valley Community College
Early College Program

What is Early College?

This exciting program is designed for motivated high school students (juniors and seniors) with good academic and attendance records who wish to get a jump start on college. Students must also possess the readiness for and commitment to rigorous college coursework. While still in high school, students can complete up to 35 semester hours of lower division general education coursework.

Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA with no grade lower than a B in Math and English.
- Assessment testing, spring of your HS sophomore year for English and reading. Math testing assessment will take place spring of your junior year (once you are in the program).
- Letter of recommendation from a counselor or instructor of one
- of your core high school classes.
- Application and short essay.



Benefits

- Earn college and high school credit simultaneously
- Save money on college tuition and textbooks
- Reduce college completion time
- Eliminate duplication of coursework during the freshman year of college

"The Early College program has given me so many wonderful opportunities to better prepare myself for the future to come. It has taught me how to organize my time, thoughts, and energy towards things that will help me succeed in my future. . . it teaches responsibility, and has given me the chance to grow at a faster pace then in high school classes. It has given me the confidence to know that when I am done with high school, I should not need to fear going to a University and starting my life."

Makayla, Early College Student 2012



PVCC Early College Partners

- Paradise Valley Unified School District
- Cave Creek Unified School District
- Crestview College Preparatory High School
- Deer Valley Unified School District

Early College Sample Schedule

	Paradise Valley Community College				High School
Junior Year High School 2013–2014					
SUMMER 1 TERM 2013	Communication Creating College Success	COM110 AAA115	3 Credits 1 Credit	SB Elective	
FALL TERM 2013	Computers Psychology	BPC110 PSY101	3 Credits 3 Credits	CS SB	English Math American History Language (or other H.S. classes)
SPRING TERM 2014	1st Year Composition Humanities (HIS111, ENH251, MHL153, or PHI243) Humanities course will be determined based on instructor availability	ENG101 TBD	3 Credits 3 Credits	FYC HU/H/G	English Math American History Language (or other H.S. classes)
Senior Year High School 2014 -2015					
SUMMER 1 TERM 2014	Science Lecture & Lab	TBD	4 Credits	SQ/SG	
FALL TERM 2014	1st year composition Communication Humanities (ENH110 or MHL145) Humanities course will be determined based on instructor availability	ENG102 COM225 TBD	3 Credits 3 Credits 3 Credits	FYC L HU/C	Government/Economics Math H.S. Elective H.S. Elective
SPRING TERM 2015	Science Lecture Science Lab—Fridays Math (151, 187) Math course to be determined by student's assessment score Science to be determined based on student's major	TBD MAT	4 Credits 3-5 Credits	SQ/SG MA	Government/Economics H.S. Elective H.S. Elective H.S. Elective
Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) Complete					
PVCC 2015-2016					
Fall Term 2015 13-15 credits					**Spring Term 2016** 13-15 credits
Complete 25-29 credits needed for Associate degree and transfer to university. Most programs at the three state universities allow a maximum transfer of 64 community college credits. Some universities and/or Maricopa transfer partners allow more credits to be completed at the community college level.					
May 2016	**Graduate from PVCC with Associate in Arts degree**				

Application Process

- Applications available in high school counseling offices or the PVCC Student Development /Early Outreach Office
- Students must apply during sophomore year in high school
- Student applications due to high school counselors by **December 14th**
- Final date for high school counselors to submit applications to PVCC is **January 15th**

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