

# Why College?

The choices you make today will have a big impact on the rest of your life. One of the most important decisions you can make to improve your future is to get a college education.

Arizona's public universities are among the most affordable in the country and a college education can enrich your life by:

- Increasing your earning potential. On average, a college graduate earns 40 percent more than a high school graduate.
- Preparing you for the workforce. At least half of the new jobs in the next 20 years will require some education beyond high school.
- Fostering skills that can improve all aspects of your life.
- Presenting opportunities to participate in a rapidly changing world.

Make the choice for a better future today and talk with your counselors and teachers about choosing the right courses and activities to prepare for college.

Arizona's universities are waiting for you.

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## University Resources

### **Admissions:**

ASU: (480) 965-7788  
<http://students.asu.edu/admission>  
NAU: (928) 523-5511  
<http://home.nau.edu/admissions/>  
UA: (520) 621-3237  
<https://admissions.arizona.edu/default.aspx>

### **Financial Aid:**

ASU: (480) 965-3355  
<http://students.asu.edu/financial-aid>  
NAU: (928) 523-4951  
<http://www4.nau.edu/finaid>  
UA: (520) 621-1858  
<https://financialaid.arizona.edu/loans/08-09/GraduatePlus/Default.aspx>

## National Resources

### **College Information:**

College Board: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
CollegeXpress: [ww.careersandcolleges.com/](http://www.careersandcolleges.com/)  
Arizona Commission on Postsecondary Education: [www.highered.org](http://www.highered.org)

### **Financial Aid:**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

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## Get Ready for Success at Arizona's Public Universities

- *Arizona State University*
- *Northern Arizona University*
- *University of Arizona*



## Preparing for College

### Taking the Right Courses

Subject	Units Required	Required Courses
English	4 years	Composition Literature
Math	4 years	Algebra I and II Geometry Advanced Math
Lab Science	3 years	Biology, Chemistry Physics, Science
Social Science	2 years	American History Social Science
Fine Arts	1 year	See high school for approved courses
Foreign Language	2 years	Courses must be in the same language

### Why you need to take . . .

**Math**—Students who complete 4 years of math are more successful academically at the university. Take a math class your senior year to keep your skills fresh for college math.

**Science**—Lab science courses introduce you to biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics. Knowledge in these areas help prepare you for university courses.

**English**—All university courses require reading and writing. English classes will help you write more efficiently so you can get better grades.

**Social Studies**—These classes provide a greater understanding of people and a broader perspective of the world as it impacts your life.

**Foreign Language**—A second language strengthens your knowledge of English and helps you become more familiar with other cultures. Sign language can be used for this requirement.

**Fine Arts**—Studying fine arts expands your ability to think creatively.

**Computer Classes**—Although not required for admission, computers are used in virtually every discipline on a daily basis.

## Getting Accepted

### Admission Requirements

Students applying for admission must meet graduation, aptitude and competency requirements.

Arizona's universities have two undergraduate admission categories: **assured** and **delegated**. Assured admission means students will be admitted to their university of choice. Delegated admission means that students may be admitted to their university of choice, with final admission decisions being made by each university.

Requirements for **assured** admission:

- Top 25% high school class rank, *and*
- Complete course work with no deficiencies

Requirements for **delegated** admission:

- Top 50% high school class rank, *or*
- 2.5 GPA on required course work; *and*
- No more than 2 course deficiencies, but with only 1 in math and/or science courses
- Each university may use additional criteria to determine admission

Competencies may be met with high school coursework, college work and/or test scores.

Competencies must be met regardless of your major or the number of transferable hours you have earned.

Admission may be granted with one deficiency in not more than two competency areas and must be fulfilled within one calendar year of enrollment at the university.

Deficiencies in both math and laboratory science are not acceptable.

## Funding Your Education

### Financial Aid

Many students receive financial aid to attend college. It is available for many sources: scholarships and waivers, grants, loans, and student employment.

When applying for admissions, students fill out a federal financial aid form listing family income and expected college expenses. The government calculates need using a standard formula:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{The cost of college} \\ & - \text{Your and your parent's contribution} \\ & = \text{Your financial need} \end{aligned}$$

**Scholarships and Waivers** are awarded to students with good grades, athletic ability or musical talent. Scholarships and waivers do not have to be repaid.

**Grants** are based on financial need and do not have to be repaid

**Loans** are available to students (or parents) with financial need. They must be repaid after a student leaves school. Loans vary depending on interest rates and amounts allowed per year.

**College work study** is a federal employment program available to students with financial need.

**Campus Employment** is available to students with or without financial need. University job centers help students find jobs on or off campus.

