



Learning Communities at CGCC

*What is a learning community?
In a learning community, two or more classes are connected to make learning more meaningful to students.*

Learning communities integrate two or more courses in ways that meaningfully connect the knowledge of each course. Learning communities also connect students and faculty in a collaborative effort of teaching and learning that may extend beyond the classroom walls. Methodologies used in learning communities may include experiential learning, collaboration, active participation, critical thinking, thematic or problem-solving projects, and reflection. At CGCC, learning communities can be comprised of fully integrated classes or linked courses in three basic areas: General Education, Professional Careers, or College Success.

CGCC Learning Communities offer the following benefits:

- A deeper understanding of course material.
- Connections across fields of study or disciplines.
- Personal growth and more efficient academic progress.
- Active participation in one's own learning, class, and community.

How to Enroll:
To register for any of the following learning communities, please call registration at 480.732.7320 and provide the course prefix number and section numbers.

General Education

Aztlan to Zoot Suit: Exploring Narratives of Mexican American History & Culture [SB,H,C]

This learning community combines First-Year Composition (ENG101) and Mexican American History & Culture (HIS109) and will examine the Indigenous and Spanish origins and the development of Mexican American peoples from the Aztecs and Cortez through the Alamo, the War with Mexico, the Great Depression, the Zoot Suit Riots, and Bracero Programs to present day. In addition, the course will analyze the contributions of Mexican Americans to the culture, history, and development of the United States, as well as immigration and its impact on the educational, social, and economic conditions of Mexican Americans. Information: David Finley, 480.988.8607 or david.finley@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. or Paquita Garatea, 480.857.5542 or paquita.garatea@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

The Aztlan to Zoot Suit: Exploring Narratives of Mexican American History & Culture Learning Community meets TR, 8:25-11:05A, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 6 credits.

ENG101 First-Year Composition 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG 091).
34742 LIB226 TR 8:25-9:40A Finley

HIS109 Mexican American History & Culture 3
36136 LIB226 TR 9:50-11:05A Garatea

Honors option also available for 36136.

Drugs, Death, and Debauchery: Stories from the American Road [HU,C,L]

This learning community combines First-Year Composition (ENG101) and U. S. Contemporary Literature & Film (ENH255) and will examine the uniquely American experience of "hitting the road" through an analysis of contemporary American literature and film. In addition, the course will examine the genre of road stories and the types of experiences and alternative perspectives that being "on the road" provide, including the journey's influence on the development of the self and friendship. Information: David Finley, 480.988.8607 or david.finley@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

This Drugs, Death, and Debauchery: Stories from the American Road Learning Community meets MW, 9:00-11:45A, at the Williams Campus for a total of 6 credits.

ENG101 First-Year Composition 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG 091).
34930 EGEL105 MW 9:00-10:15A Finley

ENH255 U. S. Contemporary Literature & Film 3
34940 EGEL105 MW 10:30-11:45A Finley
Honors option also available for 34940.

This Drugs, Death, and Debauchery: Stories from the American Road Learning Community meets MT nights from 7:10-9:50P, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 6 credits.

ENG101 First-Year Composition 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG091).
34964 CHO207 M 7:10-9:50P Finley

ENH255 U. S. Contemporary Literature & Film 3
Prerequisites: None.
58709 CHO207 T 7:10-9:50P Finley
Honors option also available for 58709.

A Model of Reality: Understanding the World Through Literature

This learning community, which integrates Introduction to Literature (ENH110) with First-Year Composition (ENG101), we will read great works of multi-cultural literature from the perspective of adults living in a sometimes confusing world. In a very dynamic active learning environment, we will discover our personal connection to the works and use the literature to help us better understand our place in our community. Information: Patrick Williams, 480.857.5007 or patrick.williams@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

The A Model of Reality: Understanding the World Through Literature Learning Community meets TR 9:50-12:30P at the Pecos Campus for a total of 6 credits.

ENH110 Introduction to Literature 3
Prerequisites: None.
65412 CHO207 TR 9:50-11:05A Williams
Honors option is also available for 65412.

ENG101 First-Year Composition 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG091).
34750 CHO207 TR 11:15-12:30P Williams

The Mind Matters: Relating the Behavioral Patterns of Society to the Human Mind [SB]

This learning community combines Introduction to Psychology (PSY101) and First-Year Composition (ENG102) and will explore the connection between how the mind works and our actions, behaviors, attitudes, patterns, relationships, emotions, and survival strategies. The readings, discussions, and projects strengthen the ability of students to develop their knowledge of psychology and apply it to human behavior and societal issues. The class will provide a strong foundation of writing strategies and research techniques, with an interpretation of literature through content interrelated with the study of psychology, society, and the human mind. Information: David Finley at 480.988.8607 or david.finley@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

The Mind Matters Learning Community meets MW, 8:25-11:05A, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 6 credits.

PSY101 Introduction to Psychology 3
Prerequisites: None.
58279 LIB226 MW 8:25-9:40A Staff

ENG102 First-Year Composition 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG101).
35114 LIB226 MW 9:50-11:05A Staff
Section 35114 is a Honors class.

Show Me the Money! Industrial Capitalism and Human Agency [SB, H]

This learning community combines US History 1870 to Present (HIS104) and First-Year Composition (ENG101). When the United States committed itself to industrial capitalism in the late nineteenth century, an economic system was established that would have radically different consequences on an individual depending on one's class, gender, race, nationality, etc. For whom did capitalism enhance their ability to improve their lives? For whom did capitalism impose certain

constraints on life? Students will gather first-hand testimony from people and organizations in our community to help us interpret the economic realities and challenges facing people today. The course culminates in a final project in which students explore their potential as citizens. Information: Dr. Paul Petrequin, 480.857.5256 or paul.petrequin@cgcmail.maricopa.edu, and Chris Schnick, 480.732.7186 or chris.schnick@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

The Industrial Capitalism and Human Agency Learning Community meets MW, 11:15-1:55P, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 6 credits.

ENG101 First-Year Composition 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG091).
34712 LIB226 MW 11:15-12:30P Schnick

HIS104 United States History 1870 to Present 3
Prerequisites: None.
35936 LIB226 MW 12:40-1:55P Petrequin
Honors option is also available for 35936.

Professional Careers

Business Transfer

By registering in the following two courses, ENG101 (First-Year Composition), and GBS151 (Introduction to Business), students will make connections across those fields of study and explore business topics. This integrated learning community will put students on track to meet the general education and lower division program requirements for transfer to public universities in Arizona. Students who are certain that they will be specializing in CIS or Accounting should discuss this learning community with an academic advisor before registering. To participate, students must register in ENG101 and GBS151. Information: Yvonne Reineke, 480.732.7237 or yvonne.reineke@cgcmail.maricopa.edu or Beth Nuneviller, 480.857.5134 or beth.nuneviller@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call Beth Nuneviller or registration at 480.732.7320.

The Business Transfer Learning Community meets at the Pecos Campus. Students must register in GSB151 and ENG101 for a total of 6 credits.

GBS151 Introduction to Business 3
Prerequisites: None.
33696 LIB226 TR 11:15-12:30P Nuneviller

ENG101 First-Year Composition 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG091).
34772 LIB226 TR 12:40-1:55P Reineke

Honors option is also available for both sections.

Engineering Communication and Problem Solving I

This learning community combines Engineering Analysis Tools and Techniques (ECE 102) and First-Year Composition (ENG 101). Engineers are problem solvers. Two critical ingredients for successful problem solving are practical skills in mathematics and communication. Our goal is to introduce engineering students to problem solving and to practice integrating the engineering, mathematical, and communication skills needed to be successful. Students will design real-world projects using mathematics and engineering concepts. Students will also practice communicating the design process and results via literacy practices used in the real workplace. Specific activities will include problem solving, research, readings, writings, guest speaker(s), field trip(s), and cooperative

projects. Information: Bassam Matar, 480.732.7139 or bassam.matar@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

The Engineering Communication and Problem Solving Learning Community meets TR 11:15-2:30 for a total of 5 credits.

ENG101 First-Year Composition 3

Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG091).

34768 IRN104 TR 11:15-12:30P Matar

ECE102 Engineering Analysis Tools & Techniques 2

Prerequisites: Two years of high school algebra or MAT122 or departmental approval. Corequisites: MAT151 or MAT182 or MAT187.

36460 IRN104 TR 12:40-2:30P Matar

Molecules, Membranes, and Me: The Biology of Humans [SQ]

This learning community fuses the fundamental concepts of biology with the basics principles of argumentative writing specifically focused on topics related to the design and workings of the human body. It provides Allied Health majors with a process-based approach to the study of cell biology, histology, microbiology, and genetics. The course uses laboratory experimentation and problem-solving activities to develop critical thinking and research skills. Students will refine their argumentative and scientific writing abilities through reading, responding, and reflecting on topics in the life sciences. Information: Polly Foureman at 480.726.4064 or polly.foureman@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

ENG101 First-Year Composition 3

Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or (a grade of "C" or better in ENG091).

67088 CHO206 M 5:45-7:00P Thompson

BIO156 Introductory Biology for Allied Health 3

Prerequisites: None.

66179 SAG104 MW 7:10-8:25P Foureman

BIO156 Lab 1

66180 SAG104 MW 8:35-9:50P Foureman

Honors option is also available for 66179.

College Success

Building a Foundation in English as a Second Language (ESL)

ESL030 Grammar/Writing 3 and RDG030 Reading 3 or ESL040 Grammar/Writing4 and RDG040 Reading 4 are designed to help students build a foundation for success in their acquisition of reading and writing in the English language. These courses are fully integrated and will be taught by ESL/RDG teachers. Assignments will be coordinated so that students' reading and writing assignments will be on related topics. Students should co-enroll in both classes to develop and improve their English skills in a shorter amount of time. Information: Virginia Edwards, 480.732.7342 or virginia.edwards@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

This ESL Learning Community meets MW 5:45-8:25P for a total of 6 credits. Students must enroll in both ESL030 and RDG030.

ESL030 ESL - Grammar/Writing 3

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement score on CELSA or a C or better in ESL020. Advisor or department consent required.

35002 AGA162 MW 5:45-7:00P Staff

RDG030 ESL - Reading 3

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement score on CELSA or a C or better in ESL020. Advisor or department consent required.

35106 AGA162 MW 7:10-8:25P Staff

This ESL Learning Community meets MW 9:50-12:30P for a total of 6 credits. Students must enroll in both ESL030 and RDG030.

RDG030 ESL - Reading 3

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement score on CELSA or a C or better in ESL020. Advisor or department consent required.

34884 IRN131 MW 9:50-11:05A Edwards

ESL030 ESL - Grammar/Writing 3

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement score on CELSA or a C or better in ESL020. Advisor or department consent required.

34852 IRN131 MW 11:15-12:30P Edwards

This ESL Learning Community meets MW 5:45-8:25P for a total of 6 credits. Students must enroll in both ESL040 and RDG040.

RDG040 ESL - Reading 4

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement score on CELSA or a C or better in ESL030. Advisor or department consent required.

53426 IRN130 MW 5:45-7:00P Staff

ESL040 ESL - Grammar/Writing 4

Prerequisites: Appropriate placement score on CELSA or a C or better in ESL030. Advisor or department consent required.

35006 IRN130 MW 7:10-8:25PP Staff

COMPASS for Student Success

COMPASS for Student Success was among the first learning communities established at CGCC and has become one of the college's signature programs for developmental students. Emphasizing critical reading, writing, study skills, and career planning, it helps students build a foundation for college success. Students register in a foundational writing course (ENG081 or ENG091) that is integrated with Strategies for College Success (CPD150); they also register in a foundational reading course. To see if they qualify for this program, students must complete the placement assessment and meet with a CGCC advisor. Registration in ENG, CPD, and RDG sections is required with an advisor signature. Information: Heather Horn, 480.857.5193 or heather.horn@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

The MW COMPASS for Student Success Learning Community includes RDG 081 and meets at the Pecos Campus 8:25-12:30P for a total of 9 credits.

RDG081 Reading Improvement 3

Prerequisites: Placement test scores, or permission of instructor.

34888 BRD171 MW 8:25-9:40A Zimmerer

ENG081 Basic Writing Skills 3

Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score, a grade of "C" or better in ENG071, or permission of department/division chair.

34662 BRD171 MW 9:50-11:05A Horn

ENG091 Fundamentals of Writing 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score, a grade of "C" or better in ENG081, or permission of department/division chair.
34668 BRD171 MW 9:50-11:05A Horn

CPD150 Strategies for College Success 3
Prerequisites: None.
34552 SC178 MW 11:15-12:30P Staff

Students who enroll in this COMPASS for Student Success Learning Community are strongly encouraged to register in a RDG course according to their placement assessment. This COMPASS for Student Success Learning Community meets at the Pecos Campus 9:50-12:30P for a total of 6 credits.

ENG081 Basic Writing Skills 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score, a grade of "C" or better in ENG071, or permission of department/division chair.
34664 SC178 TR 9:50-11:05A Staff

ENG091 Fundamentals of Writing 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score, a grade of "C" or better in ENG081, or permission of department/division chair.
34680 SC178 TR 9:50-11:05A Staff

CPD150 Strategies for College Success 3
Prerequisites: None.
34556 SC178 TR 11:15-12:30P Staff

Improve Your MATHitude!

Have you always struggled with math? CGCC offers three learning communities in which students learn the fundamentals of mathematics along with success strategies geared towards learning mathematics and being successful in college. The learning community options include Basic Arithmetic (MAT 081) or Introductory Algebra (MAT 091 or 092) linked with College Success Strategies (AAA 115) or Study Skills Development (CPD 150AB). These learning communities are designed to increase students' confidence in math while learning strategies to be successful in college. Students will learn to improve test-taking and word-problem solving skills and to reduce test and math anxiety. Both learning communities REQUIRE enrollment in both a MAT and Student Success component (either AAA 115 or CPD 150AB). For more information regarding the Improve Your MATHitude! Learning Communities, contact Maria Wise at 480.732.7157 or maria.wise@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

This MAT081 Learning Community meets MTWR, 9:50-11:00A, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 5 credits.

MAT081 Basic Arithmetic 4
Prerequisites: None.
35488 BRD147 MWR 9:50-11:00A Wise

AAA115 Creating College Success 1
Prerequisites: None.
34572* BRD147 T 9:50-11:00A Staff

This MAT091 Learning Community meets MTWR, 8:25-9:35A, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 5 credits.

MAT091 Introductory Algebra 4
Prerequisites: Grade of "C" or better in MAT082, or MAT102, or equivalent or satisfactory score on District placement exam.
35222 BRD147 MWR 8:25-9:35A Wise

CPD150AB Study Skills Development 1
Prerequisites: None.
34606* BRD147 T 8:25-9:35A Staff

This MAT092 Learning Community meets MTWR, 11:15-1:55P, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 5 credits.

AAA115 Creating College Success 1
Prerequisites: None.
34622* IRN208 MW 11:15-12:35P Wise

MAT091 Introductory Algebra 4
Prerequisites: Grade of "C" or better in MAT082, or MAT102, or equivalent or satisfactory score on District placement exam.
65459 LIB101 MWF 12:40-1:50P Wise

Class 34622 meets from 9/29-11/1.

Starting Smart

Students who place into developmental English or reading courses are also required to enroll in a CPD or AAA college success class. Starting Smart learning communities allow students to take an ENG091 or RDG081 class that is fully integrated with AAA115, for a total of four credits. There's also a Starting Smart learning community that combines ENG091 and ENG101 with AAA115—ideal for students who place just below the cutoff score for ENG101 or for ENG101 students who would like to take a student success course. Information: Heather Horn, 480.857.5193 or heather.horn@cgcmail.maricopa.edu. To register for this learning community, please call registration at 480.732.7320.

This RDG081 Learning Community meets MW, 11:15-1:55P, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 4 credits.

AAA115 Creating College Success 1
Prerequisites: None.
53539 IRN125 MW 11:15-12:35P Zimmerer

Class 53539 meets from 8/23-9/27.

RDG081 Reading Improvement 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score or permission of department/division chair.
35146 IRN125 MW 12:40-1:55P Zimmerer

This ENG091/101 Learning Community meets TR, 8:25-11:05A at the Pecos Campus for a total of 4 credits.

AAA115 Creating College Success 1
Prerequisites: None.
34640 IRN130 TR 8:25-9:45A Horn

Class 34640 meets from 8/24-9/23.

ENG091 Fundamentals of Writing 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score, a grade of "C" or better in ENG081, or permission of department/division chair.
58586 CHO103 TR 9:50-11:05A Horn
or

ENG101 First Year Composition 3
Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score, a grade of "C" or better in ENG091, or permission of department/division chair.
34758 CHO103 TR 9:50-11:05A Horn

This ENG091 Learning Community meets MW, 11:15-1:55P, at the Pecos Campus for a total of 4 credits.

AAA115 Creating College Success 1

Prerequisites: None.

53541 IRN125 MW 11:15-12:35P Staff

Class 53541 meets from 11/28-12/8.

ENG091 Fundamentals of Writing 3

Prerequisites: Appropriate English placement test score, a grade of "C" or better in ENG081, or permission of department/division chair.

34676 BRD170 MW 12:40-1:55P Staff