
University College

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Academic discovery and community engagement are distinguishing characteristics of the University College at the West campus of ASU. The college extends university access to exploratory freshmen, transfer, and reentry students, and provides an opportunity to consider many academic options. High academic standards and individualized attention are hallmarks of University College academic advising, student success and engagement programs, and campus orientation and parent programs.

The University College includes these units at the West campus:

- Academic Advising Office
- Student Success and Engagement Programs
- Orientation and Parent Programs
- GCC-ASU Partnership at the West campus

ACADEMIC ADVISING

The Academic Advising Office provides professional academic advising for the following types of students:

1. exploratory freshmen who have not declared a major;
2. exploratory transfer students who have not declared a major;
3. all students in transition who have left a professional program and are exploring majors across the university; and
4. students who are part of the GCC-ASU Partnership at the West campus.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

The Student Success and Engagement Programs unit is designed to support the success of all students through university academic success courses (such as UNI 101), stu-

dent development workshops, Peer-2-Peer mentoring and advising, tutoring, and other programs such as Campus Match and Summer Academy.

The goal of Student Success and Engagement Programs is to actively involve students in their education and with the community in which they live and work by connecting them to the multitude of service and experiential learning opportunities offered at the West campus.

University Success Courses

The purpose of the UNI course is to assist first-year, transfer, and reentry students in making a successful transition to the university. Students learn about university resources, policies and procedures, study skills, values and goal setting, human diversity, academic and career planning, and other skills.

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC SUCCESS (UNI)

For more UNI courses, see the “Course Prefixes” table, or access www.asu.edu/aad/catalogs/courses. The campus designation—D (Downtown Phoenix), E (Polytechnic), M (Tempe), or W (West)—may affect how courses may be used to fulfill requirements.

W UNI 101 Student Success Seminar. (1)

fall and spring

Understanding human diversity, perspectives, and values as they relate to student success. Orientation to ASU resources, study skills, and academic and social issues for students. Seminar, discussion.

W UNI 194 Special Topics. (1–4)

selected semesters

Topics may include the following

- Career/Major Exploration. (1)

fall

Topics include identifying personal and professional interests, exploring majors and occupations, developing self-marketing skills, and designing an effective academic and career strategy.

- Peer Program. (1)

fall and spring

Topics include understanding the purpose and role of peer mentors and advisors in other students' success, understanding the university catalog, developing skills to assist other students during orientation and registration.

- Tutor Training. (1)

fall and spring

Topics include effective tutoring strategies for various disciplines.

W UNI 294 Special Topics. (1–4)

fall

Topics may include the following

- Student Development Workshop. (1)

Topics may include stress management, time management, financial planning, goal setting, cultural diversity.

Omnibus Courses. For an explanation of courses offered but not specifically listed in this catalog, see “Omnibus Courses,” page 63.

L literacy and critical inquiry / MA mathematics / CS computer/statistics/ quantitative applications / HU humanities and fine arts / SB social and behavioral sciences / SG natural science—general core courses / SQ natural science—quantitative / C cultural diversity in the United States / G global / H historical / See “General Studies,” page 93.



Students relax between classes on the beautiful West campus.

Scott Baxter photo

Student Development Workshops

Noncredit seminars are offered in the fall to support freshmen with their transition to university life. Topics include study skills, diversity, career exploration, stress and time management, goal setting, and financial management.

Peer-2-Peer Program

The Peer-2-Peer program provides an opportunity for upper-division students to work with freshmen and help them make a successful transition to the West campus. Participants can become either peer mentors and work with students on an informal basis, or peer advisors who are formally trained to provide basic academic advising. For more information or to become a peer advisor or peer mentor, call the University College at the West Campus at 602/543-4360.

Campus Match

Campus Match offers freshmen who are enrolled in large introductory classes the opportunity to register for a matching University Academic Success (UNI 101) course of no more than 15 students. The goal of the UNI course is to provide students with support and to build a sense of community in a smaller class environment. For more information, access the Web site at www.west.asu.edu/uc/campus-mat.htm.

Summer Academy Program

The Summer Academy Program was developed to address the needs of incoming freshmen who may be under-prepared for the rigors of university classes. The program focuses on enhancing students' English and math skills. Students are invited to the Academy based on their high school GPA or ACT/SAT scores. For more information about the program, call 602/543-4600.

ORIENTATION AND PARENT PROGRAMS

Freshman Orientation provides a comprehensive online and on-campus program for all freshmen beginning their education at the West campus in the fall. Orientation programs begin in March and continue through August and are aimed at connecting new freshmen and their parents with university and campus resources as well as with the faculty, administration, and advisors from their colleges. For more information about freshman orientation, call 602/543-4600, or access the Web site at www.west.asu.edu/uc/orientation.

The Parent Programs unit offers a series of opportunities designed to connect parents to the life of the university, to one another, and to the campus through workshops, receptions and organized group activities. For more information about Parent Programs, call 602/543-4300, or access the Web site at www.west.asu.edu/uc/parent.htm.

GCC-ASU PARTNERSHIP AT THE WEST CAMPUS

Glendale Community College and ASU at the West campus have joined hands to create a partnership that offers freshman and sophomore GCC courses on the West campus. The partnership provides students who are thinking about completing a bachelor's degree the courses and information they need to make a seamless and efficient transition to the university in the shortest period of time.

In addition to offering classes that meet a variety of university general studies requirements, the GCC-ASU Partnership provides students access to all university support services such as the library, tutoring, the Las Casas residence halls, and student employment. For information, call 602/543-4222, or access the Web site at www.west.asu.edu/uc/ucc.htm.