2023-2024
Student Handbook
Arizona Western College does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), religion, age (40+) or disability, in compliance with the laws of the United States and the state of Arizona. Any questions regarding the applicability of state and federal anti-discrimination laws to Arizona Western College and its services, programs or activities, and any grievances or claims of violation of such laws, should be directed to its compliance officer: The Director of Human Resources, P.O. Box 929, Yuma, AZ, 85366-0929, (928) 344-7505.
Welcome to Arizona Western College!

It is an exciting time to be a Matador, and we are thrilled you have chosen AWC as the destination for your next steps in higher ed!

Arizona Western College is a comprehensive college offering a full range of learning and professional skill programs including technical transfer and non-credit course offerings. If your goal is to earn a baccalaureate or higher degree, AWC offers a comprehensive mix of transfer opportunities. In fact, AWC is the only community college in Arizona with all three state universities – Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona – on campus. Transferring to a university after completing your studies at AWC is convenient, affordable and seamless.

If your interest is occupational or technical training, AWC offers numerous degree and certificate options leading directly to employment. All our technical programs are aligned with industry standards resulting in career-ready graduates. We also take great pride in the state-of-the-art learning facilities that mirror industry work environments.

At the core of the Arizona Western College experience is our talented and dedicated faculty and staff. Student success is at the heart of our mission. Earning a college degree or certificate is not easy. It will take significant effort and sacrifice on your part. We will be there to support you every step of the way from registration to graduation. Together, we will get you to your education goal.

I would encourage you to make the most of your time at Arizona Western College. There are over fifty student clubs, workshops, speakers, and numerous performing arts and athletic events. In addition, there are opportunities to enhance your learning experience by engaging in service learning and undergraduate research. Your education is not a spectator sport – get involved!

For over sixty years, AWC has been committed to serving the educational needs of La Paz and Yuma Counties. As those needs have evolved, so has the college. We have upgraded our technology including a new mobile-friendly website, renovated numerous facilities, added programs, enhanced partnerships to serve the communities of Yuma and La Paz County.

AWC stands ready to respond to the evolving needs of our students and the communities we serve. We are delighted you will be with us.

It is a great day to be a Matador!

Dr. Daniel P. Corr
President
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The 2023–2024 AWC Student Handbook contains the most current information available as of the date of publication and supersedes all previous editions. The handbook supplements the College's general course catalog as a source of additional information about Arizona Western College. The handbook is not intended to be a complete statement of rules, regulations, policies or procedures; nor does it contain a complete list of all programs and services.
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Academic Calendar

Check out our Academic Calendar for important dates

Over 60% First in their family to attend college.

https://www.azwestern.edu/institutional-research/reports
Admissions and Registration

Registration—Registering early provides the best opportunity to obtain the classes you want. Summer registration begins in March, Fall registration begins in April, and Spring registration begins in November. It is strongly recommended that you visit with an academic advisor prior to registering. Payment is due the day you register for Spring and Summer. Payment deadline for Fall courses is listed in the Registration Guide. Tuition and fee information is available at azwestern.edu/paying-for-college/tuition-and-fees or in the Registration Guide (print and on-line).

Adding Courses—Courses may be added until the close of the add/drop period for the course. A student who wishes to add a course may do so on-line through Self Service or submit a signed Registration Form to the Admissions and Registration Office on the Main Campus or any of our other campus centers. Signed registration forms can also be emailed to records@azwestern.edu.

Dropping Courses—Courses may be dropped for a full refund until the close of the add/drop period for each specific course. Please see the College catalog for the detailed drop policy. Only when the student has dropped through Self Service or a completed Registration Form has been received and processed, does the drop become official. Please consult the Catalog for refund criteria. Informing an instructor or simply absenting yourself from class is not considered an official drop of a course and may result in a failing grade (F) being posted to your academic record.

Withdrawals—After the designated add/drop period, students may withdraw from one or more classes and receive a grade of “W” on their official academic record. Students wishing to withdraw from one or more courses should consider the impact. Withdrawing from a class may affect financial aid eligibility for other grants, academic standing, athletic eligibility or have additional impact. Classes lasting less than an entire semester have a different withdrawal period. Please consult the AWC Catalog for detailed information.

Business Office

Business Office provides comprehensive business services for all students. Payment of all College fees are processed either on-line by students or by cashiers at the AWC Business Services Office on the Yuma Campus or any of the AWC campus centers.

Residence hall students are required to pay their account balances in full before they are cleared to move into their room. Please note that according to policy, the College accepts no responsibility for dropping students from classes they do not intend to take. Officially dropping prior to the end of the official drop period is the only way to ensure students will not be charged for classes they do not attend. Students must pay close attention to the drop deadline for each specific class they are registered for as classes of different length or type (face-to-face, on-line, hybrid) could have different drop deadlines. Students who withdraw from classes after the end of the official add/drop period are still financially responsible for those tuition and fees.

Part-time and work-study payroll checks may be picked up from a cashier at the Business Office at the Yuma Campus. The Disbursement Office posts all financial aid and scholarships to each student’s account and distributes any refund due to the student.
Financial Aid

College Community Center (3C), 2nd floor    One Stop Shop
(928) 344-7634 phone
(928) 317-6420 fax

azwestern.edu/financial-aid

Arizona Western College provides an interdisciplinary team consisting of career specialists and academic advisors to assist students in their academic and career development. Guiding students into, through, and beyond their college experience.

Teaching students how to...
- Discover their career/academic/personal interests
- Explore their career/academic options
- Create their individual college experiences
- Prepare for their future career

Students can meet with academic advisors throughout the year and are encouraged to make appointments each semester to discuss their academic and career plans. Students are also encouraged to take advantage of all of the career and advisement services by working with the advisors in helping with decisions regarding a selection of major/career, develop an (EAP) educational academic plan for their major, and discuss career and/or transfer plans.

Testing Services

College Community Center (3C)    One Stop Shop
(928) 344-7641 phone
(928) 344-7712 fax

azwestern.edu/testing

Testing Services offers assessment tests to identify the student’s skill level in English, math, reading and English as a Second Language. Test scores are used to meet prerequisites for certain courses and to assist in recommending the most appropriate course sequence towards a successful completion of a degree or certificate program Testing Services is also available for student make-up exams and to support on-line courses with the midterm and final exams. In addition, our department offers many certification, equivalency and entrance examinations such as GED, CLEP, HESI, LSAT and NREMT exams. Visit our website for additional information regarding the various tests that can be taken at our center.
The library is a dynamic academic partner on the Arizona Western College campus, serving the AWC and NAU-Yuma Branch Campus communities, partner universities, and residents of Yuma County. Well over 110,000 people visit us in person each year to use our print and electronic collections, study rooms, collaborative spaces, the Resource Center (for current and future educators), computers, and to ask for research help.

Research help is available in person, by phone, chat, email, and text. Library instructional workshops on a variety of topics are available upon faculty request. We also offer drop-in workshops throughout the year for our community on a range of educational and personal enrichment topics.

We provide access to electronic resources such as article databases, e-Books, and streaming videos. You can also check out books, videos, music cd’s, and documents from our Federal Government Depository collection. We also provide links to NAU’s Cline Library resources.

We at the library are committed to providing our community with an environment that fosters curiosity, exploration, and lifelong learning. Drop by and take advantage of our collections, research help, and study spaces.

The AccessABILITY Resource Services office works in partnership with students with disabilities, faculty and staff to remove barriers in the educational process through design and accommodation. We recognize disability as an aspect of diversity and promote a culture of inclusion for all diverse groups.

AccessABILITY Resource Services provides services to students who qualify under the American’s with Disabilities Act, ADA Amendment Act 2008, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. An individual with a disability is an individual with a documented impairment that substantially limits one or more of that individual’s major life activities. Recognized disabilities include, but are not limited to, mobility impairments, deafness, hard of hearing, blindness, visual impairments, learning disabilities, chronic medical conditions, and psychological disorders.

Requesting Accommodations and Auxiliary Aids

- Students with disabilities must self-identify with AccessABILITY Resource Services and provide the required disability documentation.
- The eligibility determination process is not a same day process. Once documentation is received, it will be reviewed in order of receipt; therefore, it is recommended that documentation be submitted well in advance of any accommodation related needs (e.g. exam accommodations and alternative media services).
- Students must make an appointment with the ARS staff; located on the top floor of the 3C building at 928.344.7674. Students must meet with the staff each semester to develop the accommodation letter.
- Students should be prepared to speak to the staff about their disability and the barriers they feel they may encounter in the classroom, as well as, accommodations or design modifications needed to ensure equal access.
- The ARS staff will work with the students to determine which design modifications or accommodations are appropriate for each class.
- We encourage all students to contact instructors two weeks before the start of classes to discuss accommodations and success strategies for the semester. This not only gives the instructor time to consider the changes that will be needed to ensure access to materials, but also breaks the ice and encourages more effective communication.

Note: Services can be requested at any time during the semester; however, requesting services well in advance will help ensure resources are available when needed.
Assessment and Program Review

Center for Instructional Excellence (CIE)
(928) 344-7651  phone
azwestern.edu/assessment

The Office of Assessment and Program Review provides college-wide leadership in assessment, program review, and the collection of the educational data. These information services enhance the college’s culture of evidence and assist administrators and faculty in data-driven decision making at all levels of the college. A key component to ensuring AWC is providing the best education and services possible is to engage our students in the discussion of assessment.

The Assessment Office welcomes student participation in monthly institutional Assessment Committee meetings and encourages students to be agents of their own learning. It is important for students to not only understand how faculty and administrators assess student learning but for students to hold the institution accountable for what the students should be learning and the type of environment the learning takes place in.

Career Services

College Community Center (3C)  One Stop Shop
(928) 344-7604 phone
(928) 344-7624 appointment
(928) 344-7710 fax
azwestern.edu/careerservices

Career Services offers students comprehensive career planning. Students receive guidance on career exploration, expert assistance in designing a professional resume and cover letter plus help in handling the all-important job interview.

A web-based job referral system, “Jobs for Matadors”, allows students to search for both on-campus and off-campus employment as well as inquire about internships and volunteer opportunities. The department coordinates many student-oriented events, such as Transfer and Career Expos which introduces students to business and university transfer representatives. Career Services assist with helping students select a college major with their annual Majors’ Fair. Career Services is located on the top floor of the College Community Center (3C). For more information, call (928) 344-7604. For appointments, call (928) 344-7624 or visit the Career Services website.
Health and Wellness Services

3C Building-Top Floor (next to Testing Services)
(928) 344-7602 phone
911 (medical emergencies)

azwestern.edu/health

“Students cannot be intellectually proficient if they are physically and psychologically unwell.” Ernest Boyer

Health and Wellness Services is dedicated to promoting a safe and healthy campus community to support student success. Amenities offered include campus and community resources, referrals, prevention education and bystander intervention, student and staff educational activities and trainings, as well as a safe place for students to get help or just talk. This office is here to proactively support students through complex situations which impact their ability to function successfully within the college community.

An on-line student of concern report is available on our website (above) that enables you to report a student or friend that you may have noticed has changed or been struggling lately that you might be concerned about and may need help. This can remain anonymous and the student can receive the help they may need.

Student Health advocates is a student volunteer health and wellness education club at AWC. Participants are trained on various topics to help educate their peers and campus community as well as raise awareness about risk behaviors, health issues, and concerns through educational workshops, events and campaigns.

SHA primarily focuses on behavioral health, violence intervention and prevention, and healthy lifestyle choices and behaviors to create a more inclusive and equitable campus. This club provides students with an opportunity to get educated, get involved, meet people, be an advocate, inform others, build their resume, earn scholarships, strengthen skill-set, and contribute to a better campus. If you are interested in joining, give us a call or stop by.

Monday–Thursday ................................................................. 8:00 AM–7:00 PM

Technology Help Desk &
Open-Access Computer Lab

Technology Help Desk Shadle Library and Learning Resources Complex, Room 080
(928) 317-5892 phone
helpdesk@azwestern.edu

azwestern.edu/support

AWC is committed to providing quality technical support to its students. The two most important technology resources available to students district-wide are the Technology Help Desk and AWC’s open-access computer labs.

The Technology Help Desk provides students with account-activation, password management, and technical assistance with Self Service, Blackboard, and other technology-based learning resources.

The Technology Help Desk’s hours of operation during the spring and fall semesters are as follows. (Summer, Spring Break, and Winter Break hours vary annually based upon student need.)

Monday–Thursday ................................................................. 7:00 AM–10:00 PM
(Friday support only after 5:00 PM)

AWC provides open-access computer labs at several college locations throughout Yuma and La Paz counties, which are listed below. To obtain open-access computer lab hours of operation, please call the numbers as listed below.

Wellton Learning Center ........................................ (928) 785-4175
Parker Learning Center ........................................ (928) 669-2214
Quartzsite Learning Center ................................. (928) 927-8299
San Luis Learning Center ................................. (928) 314-9441
San Luis Center (San Luis Middle School) .............. (928) 314-9441
Somerton Learning Center ................................. (928) 314-9441
Yuma Campus ......................................................... (928) 344-7796
The Student Success Center (SSC), comprised of the Math Center and the Writing Center, offers free services and resources to help you achieve academic success:

- Trained, qualified tutors to assist you online, in person, or through email in a variety of subjects
- Computers, printers, and internet access
- Supplemental study materials and media items
- Graphing calculator rental program (select math courses)
- General assistance with navigating college resources

Tutoring is available for subjects other than math and English; please call us or visit our website for more information. Appointments are necessary beginning Fall 2020.

The mission of the Student Success Center is to serve students in a way that promotes their successful completion of courses at AWC and beyond. If you need assistance in any course, please contact us. Students who use our services on a regular basis find they are more successful in college.

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Keep Envisioning Your Success (KEYS) Program is a federal TRIO program, funded to serve 240 Arizona Western College students, annually, who are first-generation, low-income, and/or have a documented disability.

The goal of KEYS is to help the students they serve persist at AWC and to increase their chances of graduating and transferring to a 4-year college/university in order to earn a bachelor’s degree.

The KEYS Program provides the following individualized services to participants:

- Tutoring,
- Peer mentoring,
- Academic advising/coaching,
- University trips,
- First and Second Year College Experience programs, and
- Cultural enrichment activities

To apply and find out more information about the KEYS program, visit their office located in the KEYS Building (Cottage 1) or visit azwestern.edu/keys.
Transferring to Arizona Western College
Students transferring credits from another institution need to submit an Electronic Evaluation of Credits form and request official transcripts to be sent directly to:

Arizona Western College
Transfer Services Office
P.O. Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366

Students must be registered and/or have completed at least six credit hours at AWC in order to have credits posted on their AWC transcript. Evaluation and posting process can take up to three weeks. For more information about the process visit our website.

Transferring from Arizona Western College
Students need to connect with Transfer Services within their first year. The following activities are available to assist students in identifying their major and in making a decision on what university to transfer to:

- Transfer and Career Expos for South County, La Paz, and Yuma campus in coordination with Career and Advising Services
- Early Transfer Walk-in Week
- Walk-ins on Tuesdays
- University Admissions Application Workshops
- University Representatives on Campus
- Major Specific Sessions
- University Field Trips
- One-on-One Appointments
- Articulated Degree Pathways
- Transfer and Academic Services “TASC” Club
- Transfer Scholarships Guidance
  (Earn to Learn, RaiseMe, University Specific Resources)
- Innovative partnerships with different universities

Earn your transfer bucks by participating in different events and activities provided by Transfer Services to qualify for a scholarship!
The Veteran Service office is the point of contact for applying, receiving information and certifying VA Educational Benefits, from the Department of Veteran Affairs and/or Department of Defense.

Prior to Registering

Students who wish to utilize their VA Educational Benefits, must be advised in the Veteran Services Office and submit eligibility documentation.

All new students must provide the Veteran Services Office with:

- A certificate of eligibility (COE)
- An approved/signed Educational Academic Plan (EAP). EAP’s are available by meeting with the Academic/Career Advisor for Veteran Services.
- An original copy of DD214, if a COE is not available

*Please note: All students should have copies of all previous transcripts (Military & Institutional), for initial advising sessions

Prior to the Conclusion of Your First Semester

In order to avoid over payments by the VA, students must submit their official military transcripts and all other official transcripts, from prior institutions of higher education. Official transcripts should be sent to:

Arizona Western College
Attn: Transfer Services
PO Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366-0929

Students must submit an Enrollment Certification Request (ECR), to the Veteran Services office, every semester and anytime there is a change in their enrollment.

For more information regarding the Veteran Services Office, please visit our Veteran Services website at:

www.azwestern.edu/veterans or facebook www.facebook.com/

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), this school adopts the following additional provisions for any students using the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. This school will not:

- Prevent the student’s enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to;
- Require student secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.
Military Services Office

Marine Corps Air Station Yuma Building #850, Room#112 & Yuma Proving Grounds Building #501, 2nd floor One Stop Shop
(928) 317-7605 phone (928) 726-3525 Fax
military.services@azwestern.edu
azwestern.edu/military

AWC Military services offers comprehensive services for active duty military, DOD employees, and their families at MCAS-Yuma and Yuma Proving Grounds. You may receive academic advisement and course registration assistance at both installations. Face-to-Face courses are also available at MCAS-Yuma.

Office Hours
MCAS Office Hours: Monday - Thursday : 0800 - 1600 & Friday: 0800 – 1200
YPG Office Hours: Staff is available at YPG on the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 12-4pm in the Education Center Conference Room
Placement, Midterm, and Finals Testing: Available by appointment only on Tuesdays at 0900 or Thursdays at 1300. A photo ID must be presented in order to test.

Credits for Military Experience and Service School
Arizona Western College accepts a maximum of 30 credits from non-traditional credit. When applicable, credit earned from Military training may be used for degree credit as equivalent courses in the major or as general electives up to the maximum number of credits prescribed by the specific program requirements.

"A Guide to the Evaluation of Education Experience in the Armed Services" published by the American Council on Education (ACE) is the basis for evaluating the training and experiences in military service.

A course evaluation may be requested by submitting an official copy of appropriate documentation directly to Arizona Western College. To request military transcripts, select the appropriate branch below:
ARMY/COAST GUARD/NAVY/MARINE: Joint Services Transcript (Formerly SMART)
AIR FORCE: Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)
My CAA Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Scholarship
MyCAA provides a maximum education benefit of $4,000 with an annual fiscal year cap of $2,000 to assist eligible military spouses who need professional credentials to meet their portable career goals.
Student Spaces on Campus

**LGBTQ Lounge**
Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-6:00PM
Open to all students but designed to provide specific resources for students who identify as LGBTQ+ or allies.
Location: LR-95

**Game Room**
Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-6:00PM
The Game Room is a student space featuring two TV’s for viewing and gaming, billiards, ping-pong, and comfortable seating. Equipment may be checked out with a Game Room Attendant using your AWC Student ID card.
Location: 3C-Top Floor
**Student Spaces on Campus**

**Diversity Lounge**  
Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-6:00PM

The Student Lounge is a comfortable, quiet student space to relax and escape between classes. Stop in and enjoy access to a computer, take an item from the AWC Career Closet, relax in one of our bean bag loungers or pull up a chair at a desk to study or charge your devices!  
Location:  
3C-Top Floor next to Campus Life

**Health and Wellness Nook**  
Monday-Thursday 10:00AM-6:00PM  
(928) 344-7602

By appointment. You can reserve the room on the website and you can check with Adriana for availability on a walk-in basis.  
Room number: 3C 2296
Arizona Western College maintains its own police and security force. The Police Department consists of certified police officers entrusted with enforcement of state statues and College directives. Security personnel and recorded video surveillance are utilized in the residence halls and are monitored by police dispatch to aid in the well being of the residence hall students and to help ensure the provisions of a safe and secure residential environment. The police department keeps a 24-hour police/dispatch service to assist the college community with helping motorists, unlocking doors, providing campus escorts, taking incident reports, and maintaining security. The police dispatchers also maintain 19 emergency call box systems that are located throughout the college campus. The department has special trained officers to investigate violence against women on campus, such as sexual assaults and stalking. The campus police offer information and trainings to all students, faculty and staff in regards to utilizing the emergency call box systems, how to report a crime, sexual assault and campus safety.

Report a Crime
azwestern.edu/student-support/campus-police/anonymous-crime-report-form

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Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act
The Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, Public Law 101-542, provide that institutions of higher learning disclose information about completion or graduation rates among student athletes, crime statistics and campus safety policies and procedures to current and prospective students and employees. The information is available on the AWC website at azwestern.edu/student-life/student-right-to-know.
For further information or to request a paper copy, please call (928) 317-6050.
Healthy Supportive Relationships = Success in School

Healthy and supportive relationships are an extremely important part of our overall well-being.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

Student Health and Wellness Services
(928) 344-7602
3C Building-Top Floor (next to Testing Services),
Monday – Thursday, 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Rights & Responsibilities

Student Conduct

Students have the right to a safe, secure, accessible, and orderly learning environment. Arizona Western College has established expectations designed to maximize the learning environment on campus. All members of the college community are expected to take ownership of their own academic endeavors, relationships, and personal responsibilities with a vigorous commitment to the pursuit of free expression and inquiry, integrity, civility, appreciation for diversity, and respect for self and others. Members of the Matador community are expected to practice integrity and ethical behavior in all academic work. Each student assumes an obligation as a responsible member of the college community to demonstrate conduct compatible with the college’s mission as an educational institution and it is each student’s right and responsibility to be informed. To learn more go to azwestern.edu/incidentreport or azwestern.edu/conduct and know the code.

Sexual Harassment and Relationship Violence

AWC does not tolerate violence towards anyone. Know your Title IX Rights and School’s Responsibility AWC once informed will take appropriate action to investigate or otherwise determine what occurred. If investigation determines that “more likely that not” harassment or relationship violence has occurred the school must:

- Take prompt and effective steps to end the harassment
- Eliminate the hostile environment
- Prevent its recurrence

If you or someone you know has been a victim of Sexual Harassment or Relationship Violence you are encouraged to report it by submitting an incident report or visit Student Health and Wellness Service for assistance.

Ms. Kim Trujillo
P.O. Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366-0929
(928) 344-7505
AWC-Title-IX@azwestern.edu
azwestern.edu/titleix

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

FERPA deals specifically with the education records of students, affording them certain rights with respect to those records. For purpose or definition, education records are those records that are:

- Directly related to a student
- Maintained by an institution or a party acting for the institution

FERPA gives students who reach the age of 18, or those of any age who attend a postsecondary institution, the right to inspect and review their own education records. Furthermore, students have other rights, including the right to request amendment of records and to have some control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from these records. FERPA applies to the education records of persons who are in attendance in postsecondary institutions, including students in cooperative and correspondence study programs. FERPA does not apply to records of applicants for admission who are denied or, if accepted, do not attend an institution. To learn more about your student rights in regards to FERPA please visit the following link:

azwestern.edu/student-life/student-right-to-know

For questions and clarification, contact the Admissions and Registration office at (928) 344-7550.
Title-IX Statement

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 provides that:

“No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance…” Title IX - 20 U.S.C. § 1681

In compliance with Title IX, Arizona Western College prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in admissions, recruitment, education, employment, enrollment, as well as in the provision of all services, programs and activities.

Consistent with these values and applicable laws, Arizona Western College maintains a comprehensive program designed to protect members of the College community from discrimination on the basis of sex or gender.

Arizona Western College’s Title IX Coordinators monitor compliance with applicable laws and coordinate the institution’s response to complaints of discrimination based on sex. The Title IX Coordinators will ensure that complaints of this nature are addressed by the appropriate College representatives and will assist complainants and respondents with supportive measures and resources if and when they may be warranted.

Questions about Title IX, and information about how someone may report or file a formal complaint about an alleged violation of Title IX is encouraged. to contact one of Arizona Western College’s Title IX Coordinators identified below:

Arizona Western College Title IX Coordinators

Ms. Kim Trujillo
P.O. Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366-0929
(928) 344-7505
AWC-Title-IX@azwestern.edu
azwestern.edu/titleix

Dr. Nikki Hage
P.O. Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366-0929
(928) 344-7505
AWC-Title-IX@azwestern.edu
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Equal Opportunity Policy

Arizona Western College does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its services, programs, or activities on the basis of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information or handicapping condition in compliance with the laws of the United States and the state of Arizona.

Any questions regarding the applicability of state and federal anti-discrimination laws to Arizona Western College and its services, programs or activities, and any grievances or claims of violation of such laws, should be directed to its compliance officer:

Ms. Kim Trujillo
P.O. Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366-0929
(928) 344-7505
AWC-Title-IX@azwestern.edu
azwestern.edu/titleix

Students With Disabilities Resources and Service Information

Arizona Western College seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities in order to facilitate access to College classes and activities. Students seeking such an accommodation should make an official request at AccessABILITY Resource Services located in the College Community Center (3C) on campus or at azwestern.edu/accessability.

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Ms. Kim Trujillo
P.O. Box 929
Yuma, AZ 85366-0929
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azwestern.edu/titleix
Students are responsible for knowing and understanding the contents of the Code.
Dear Arizona Western College Student,

It’s a pleasure to have you here, whether you are a new, returning, or a transferring student. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you on behalf of the Student Government Association.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is an association of students that represents the interests of AWC students, nurtures a sense of community, and enhances student life by offering a range of events with in the community and participates in decision-making for the benefit of AWC’s future and present students.

At Arizona Western College, we acknowledge the fact that college, is the start point or continuation of one of the most important chapters of your life. We are committed to serving your educational needs. We want to foster a sense of belonging in which individuals can see diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunity. However, we need YOUR help.

It is important for us to hear from you. Your ideas, criticism, and concerns are highly encouraged. Doing so enables us to respond to your needs and aids us in improving your experience at the college the best that we can. Most importantly, we need your support—your inclusion has played a significant role in our mission. Trust that we will make decisions with and for you, that we will work to improve our community whilst planning fun activities and events that foster a sense of belonging for all. We also want you to know that you too can join SGA and make a difference in the lives of others and our campus.

Join a club, be involved, attend events, interact with others and take opportunities. We have over 40 student-led clubs and organizations on campus; there is absolutely something for everyone. Connect with your advisors and professors as early networking in college is essential for improving future career opportunities.

I believe that you are equipped with the necessary tools for academic success. Our campus will become a place where lively dialogues and communities can flourish, where people can feel connected and establish long lasting friendships. We absolutely cannot wait to see our campus thrive together! We are honored to represent you this year, and we look forward to serving you every day.

Dimercia Poulain,
SGA President
Arizona Western College has a long-standing tradition of excellence in its athletic programs. The athletic teams compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association at the Division I level. AWC teams are members of the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference and the Western States Football League with both conferences highly competitive at the national level.

The College sponsors the following sports for women: basketball, softball, soccer, and volleyball. The sports offered for men include baseball, basketball, football, and soccer. Athletics also sponsors a co-ed Spirit Squad to promote school spirit and support our sports teams. Intercollegiate athletics are an important element in the total educational experience for AWC students and we encourage anyone with a genuine interest to personally visit with the respective coach about the possibility of joining a team.

Arizona Western College students are admitted free into all regular season home athletic contests with a student id. Schedules are posted throughout campus and are available through the Athletic Department office. For more information about Matador Athletics, please call 344-7536.
Eatery/Dining Services
College Community Center (3C)

Fast, Fresh & for Less

- **Smart Market**: grab & go salads, sandwiches & parfaits
- **Grill**: made to order hamburgers, chicken sandwiches & grilled cheese
- **Deli**: fresh, custom sandwiches & subs
- **Pizza**: hot out of the oven
- **Tossed to Order**: specialty salads made for you
- **Classics**: enchiladas, meatloaf, spaghetti
- **International**: tantalizing tastes from foreign lands
- **Soup & Salad Bar**: make your own winning combination
- **Beverage Station**: time for something ice cold
- **Bakery Corner**: fresh muffins & pastries

Enjoy your meal in our large, open eating area featuring booths and flat screen televisions.

* Residence Hall students are required to purchase a meal plan as part of the housing agreement.

**Dining Dollars** Commuter students and employees—Load your ID at the Business Office with Matador Money to use in the Eatery and Starbucks.

**Bonus $** Students receive additional bonus bucks from 3% up to 10% based on the amount added to their ID, plus additional purchases are tax free!

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**Eatery**
Monday – Thursday
Breakfast 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Lunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Closed for cleaning (9–10am) & (3–4pm)
STG 8am-3pm & 4pm- 7pm

**Eatery**
Friday – Sunday
Brunch 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Dinner 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
STG 11am-1pm & 4pm-6:30pm
Closed for cleaning (1–4pm)

**Starbucks**
Monday – Thursday
7:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday **Closed**
International Students Program

College Community Center (3C), Enrollment Services One Stop Shop
(928) 344-7699 phone (928) 317-5888 fax
azwestern.edu/international

The International Student Office (ISO) is available to assist students with all facets of AWC life—from your initial inquiry through graduation and transfer. We provide application, admissions, immigration and academic advising, employment authorization, consulate interview information, community and college orientation, insurance assistance, and social activities to help students build lifelong global friendships while pursuing their academic goals. For appointments, please contact the Coordinator of International Student Program at (928) 344-7699.

Residential Life

College Community Center (3C), Campus Life, One Stop Shop
(928) 344-7578 phone (928) 317-5888 fax
housing@azwestern.edu
azwestern.edu/housing

The Residential Life Office oversee three residence halls on the Arizona Western College Yuma campus. Suite-style accommodations are available for any full-time AWC, NAU-Yuma, UA-Yuma, and/or ASU-Yuma students. (Residents must be registered for a minimum of 12 credits at one or a combination of 12 credits from AWC and a university). Residents benefit from the convenience of being steps away from their classrooms and faculty as well as the many resources on the AWC campus. Educational programs, social activities and student leadership opportunities are available for residents to become more involved. Each residence hall building is staffed by a professional live-in Hall Director, 3 Resident Assistants and security officers who are available to assist residents in adjusting to student life as well as create a safe and welcoming community. Depending on availability private rooms may be offered for an additional cost. For current rates and information on how to apply please visit our website: azwestern.edu/housing

AWC offers 2 residence halls featuring suite-style rooms for students who want to live and learn on campus!

You will enjoy being conveniently close to all AWC resources, such as the Eatery, Starbucks, student activities and athletic events! Living on campus provides students with a safe and positive experience.

Each hall features: lounge areas, study areas, and double occupancy rooms furnished with beds, dressers, desks/ chairs, refrigerator, and cable. Laundry facilities are also conveniently located in each hall for resident use at no additional cost. Visit www.azwestern.edu/housing to learn more about living on campus. Add us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/awchousing and follow us Twitter: @awchousing Instagram: awcreslife for upcoming events and updates!
Student Government Association (SGA)

The Student Government Association is the student body governing board. SGA plays a major role in the development of student activities and serves as a voice for the students with regards to College policies, procedures, and programs by acting as a liaison between the student body and College administration. All students registered at Arizona Western College are members during their enrollment.

The SGA Executive Board consists of the President, and the Vice Presidents of: Community Service, Development, Records, Finance, Marketing, Programming, and Sustainability. Candidates for President must be currently enrolled as a full-time student at AWC and have successfully completed at least one semester of coursework at AWC prior to taking office. The SGA President is elected near the end of the spring semester to take office in the fall. All other candidates for executive officers must be enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours during the term of office and be in good standing with the College. These offices are elected at the beginning of the fall semester and take office immediately upon election. Candidates and officers must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.

Candidates for any executive office must not have accumulated more than 75 hours of college credit at AWC, have officially graduated from AWC, or any other accredited higher education institution.

Contact us at:
(928) 317-7611
Student.Government@azwestern.edu

Visit us at:
facebook.com/people/awc-sga/1815248843
twitter.com/awcsga
azwestern.edu/student-life/activities/student-leadership

Student Leadership and Activities

College Community Center (3C), Campus Life One Stop Shop
(928) 317-7611 phone (928) 317-5888 fax
azwestern.edu/student-life/student-activities

Coordinator of Student Leadership and Activities

Research shows that students who get involved with student activities have a higher chance of succeeding in college. AWC Student Activities plays an integral role in student involvement by providing educational, leadership, and recreational programs that compliment the academic programs of the college and enhance the overall educational experience. The Student Government Association (SGA), student organization and club registration, and the performing arts series are just a few of the many involvement opportunities available through Student Activities.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions please contact your Student Government Association.
AWC is a 
TOBACCO-FREE 
campus.
Sustainability

Members of the Arizona Western College employee group and student body make up the Sustainability Council to educate students, staff and the community on how individuals and the college can reduce carbon emissions. The Council was formed by Environmental Science professor Ted Martinez, and since the early years has worked to review practices on campus, develop and implement sustainable practices, and to educate people on their environmental impact. Students are an integral part of the college’s sustainability efforts. Sustainability is often defined as: “Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of the future to meet their own needs.”

Interested in being part of the change?
AWCSustainability@azwestern.edu

What can you do to be part of the change?

Conserving Energy
- Unplug all electrical appliances when not in use.
- Remember to close doors and windows when heating or A/C systems are in use.
- During the winter, open blinds, and curtains to allow sunlight in for solar heat gain. In the evenings, close blinds, and curtains to reduce thermal heat loss.

Lighting
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs where possible
- If you spend time working at a computer, dim the lights in your room so you can easily see your computer screen without turning up the brightness level.
- Turn off lights when leaving a room.

Energy Conserving Computing
- Turn your computer off at night or when you are out of town.
- Know this: the best screen saver is no screen saver at all.
- Cut down on printing by reading e-mails and documents on the computer screen.
- Use power-efficiency settings, in the systems preferences of most computers.
- Print double-sided
- Review your document on the screen instead of printing a draft.

Water Conservation
- Use re-usable water bottles instead of plastic.
- Eat lower on the food chain. It takes 5,000 gallons of water to produce one pound of meat, while producing one pound of wheat takes 25 gallons.
- Shorten your shower by a minute or two per day, and you’ll save up to 150 gallons of water per month.
- Turn water off while you brush your teeth, wash your hair and hands, and shave.
- Wash clothes in cold water to save energy and to help maintain their color.
Visit awcmatadors.com or call 344-7536 for event information.
AWC Clubs & Organizations

There are many ways to get involved!

There are more than 50 campus clubs and organizations for you to participate in.

1. Administration of Justice Studies Association
2. Art Curiosity and Secrets
3. AWS Skills USA Student Chapter
4. CAMP Student Association (CAMPSA)
5. Campus Crusade For Christ (CRU)
6. Chess Club
7. Desert Chefs Culinary Club
8. Devastating Debaters
9. Early Childhood Education Club (ECE Club)
10. Embajadores Student Association
11. Friends Of The Earth
12. Full Spectrum – Gender and Sexuality Alliance
13. Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
14. I-Team
15. Karate Club
16. League of Artist
17. Leikmot (AWC Game Club)
18. Los Toros De La Paz
19. Massage Therapy Club
20. Matador Ambassadors
21. Matador Maniacs
22. Math Club
23. Music Club
24. Next Generation Of African Americans (Next Gen A.A.)
25. Phi Theta Kappa Sigma Beta Chapter
26. Philosophical Society
27. Psychology Club
28. AWC Press Club
29. Presidential Leadership Society (PLS)
30. Radiologic Technology Club
31. Residence Hall Association
32. Running Club
33. Science Club
34. Society for Advancing Chicanos and Native Americans in Science
35. Somerton and San Luis Rotaract Club
36. Student Activities Board (SAB)
37. Student Government Association (SGA)
38. Student Nurses Association
39. Student Veterans & Service Members Organization (SVSO)
40. The Entertainers Club
41. Theatre Club
42. WEST (Western Engineering Science and Technology) Club
43. Youth Choir Club
44. Yuma County Collegiate Young Farmers and Ranchers
45. Yuma Young Adults

Don’t see what you are looking for? Anyone can start a club. Call for details.

Academic Success Tips  | Successful students set goals to achieve things they consider important.

Goal Setting Strategies  Set your goals and make them smart!

Making

- **S**pecific—Specific goals state exactly what you want to accomplish. They are clear and concise; not vague or confusing.
- **M**easurable—Measurable goals state what you want and when you want it. They enable you to measure your progress at any point along the way.
- **A**ction-Oriented—Action-oriented goals indicate how they will be achieved. They specify what you need to do to reach your goals.
- **R**ealistic—Realistic goals are possible. They are attainable, considering the resources and constraints relative to your situation.
- **T**imely—Timely goals allow reasonable time to achieve them, but not so much time that you lose focus or motivation. Timely goals have a specific deadline.
Manage your most valuable possession—**Time**

- **Record what you need to do in a calendar/planner.** It will decrease the chances of forgetting what needs to be done.

- **Prioritize and spend time on important things before they become urgent.** Number your tasks in order of importance (1, 2, 3) and complete them in that order. Do important things early. Waiting until they are urgent only increases your stress level.

- **Schedule time to complete your projects accordingly.** Set up a study schedule to create positive habits. Spend more time on subjects that require improvement. Break down large projects into small steps.

- **Avoid procrastination and just do it!** It’s much easier to finish once you’ve started.

- **Remember Your Goals!** Where does academic success fit in?

- **Review your list of tasks and check off completed ones.** Transfer unfinished tasks to a future date and continue the process.
Study Strategies

Listen

- Concentrate on the instructor.
- Listen for the main ideas.
- Be alert for the speaker’s feelings and style.

Take Notes

- Focus on important ideas and supporting facts.
- Use your own words.
- Discover different note-taking methods like mapping or outlining
- Keep notes organized by dating and numbering pages.
- Keep all notes for a class in one place.

Remember

- Review what you’ve learned in each class daily.
- Summarize important chapters, lectures, or discussions.
- Apply what you’re learning as soon as possible.
- Study with friends IF you can stay on topic.
- Learn memory aid techniques to trigger recall.
- Use short, repeated study periods instead of one long cram session.

Environment

- Work in the same place as much as possible.
- Make sure you have good lighting to avoid tired eyes and drowsiness.
- Choose what’s best and stick to it!

Test-taking Skills

- Determine what type of test you’ll be taking (multiple choice, essay, etc.)
- Avoid cramming.
- Set up a study schedule so you review everything well before the test. Use your planner to keep track.
- Get enough rest the night before.
- Wear comfortable clothing.
- Take all the necessary tools: pens, pencils, calculator, highlighter, etc.
- Skim the exam to make sure you have it all.
- Read the instructions before starting.
- Highlight key words like “discuss”, “compare”, “list”...
- Keep track of time.
- Be prepared!
In case of EMERGENCY, push the button—you will automatically be connected to Campus Police.
Somerton Center
(928) 314-9449

San Luis Learning Center/San Luis Center
(928) 314-9464
## AWC Important Phone Numbers

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Andale’s Food Pantry

Andale’s Food Pantry is designed to meet the immediate food needs of its students on campus by providing a variety of non-perishable food items and basic necessities to students and their families.

The Food Pantry is located in the ES101 and will operate limited hours throughout the semester by Appointment.

Students will have the option to pick from the food, clothing, or toiletry inventory. Additionally, students will have the option to pick up a “hot meal” food card when available.

For More Information
https://www.azwestern.edu/student-life/food-pantry

Contact us at:
awcfoodpantry@azwestern.edu
Location: ES101
DRESS 4 SUCCESS

Free Student Resource

Visit Andale’s Apparel locations to get 3-5 Professional clothing items FOR FREE

Yuma Campus
Career & Advisement Services
Top 3C

San Luis
Learning Center
Front Desk

Parker
Learning Center
Front Desk

Schedule an Appointment with us
Arizona Western College commits to delivering an amazing student experience characterized by:

- A connected community within which students are encouraged, challenged and feel they belong;
- Programs developed and aligned with employment opportunities;
- A clear path to success and completion;
- Flexible, accessible services and learning approaches;
- Contemporary technology that supports and enhances the AWC experience
# 2023 Calendar

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