

Athletic Information

- **Scholarships**

Arizona residents are eligible for talent scholarships. MCCC policy prohibits scholarship awards to out-of-state students. Students must be academically eligible to compete in that semester and enrolled full-time to receive a scholarship. Academic eligibility is evaluated prior to the beginning of each semester. The coaching staff for each sport determines scholarship recipients.

- **Book Loan Program**

Arizona residents are eligible for the book loan program. The number of books to be loaned will be determined by the Coach/Athletic Director. Students must be academically eligible and enrolled full-time to receive book loans.

Books received through the athletic department are on **loan** and must be returned at the end of each semester. Books not returned by the Thursday of finals week will result in a debt being placed on the student's account at PVCC. This will prevent further registration and/or transfer to another college.

Victor Solis, room L-108, will assist you with the book loan process. Each student eligible for the book loan program will receive information prior to the beginning of classes explaining the book loan procedure. If you have questions, call Victor at (602) 787-7031.

- **Academic Eligibility**

Student-athletes are required by the NJCAA to meet specific academic eligibility criteria for participation in athletics:

- * enrolled in 12 or more credits during the semester of competition
- * maintain a GPA of at least 2.00
- * prior to second season of competition, student-athletes must have passed a minimum of 24 credit hours with a 2.00 GPA or higher.

In addition PVCC requires that all student-athletes complete a **PUMA PATH** during their first semester of attendance. Student-athletes must maintain steady progress toward this plan in order to remain eligible to participate. Plans should be established with your Academic Advisor and should be revised any time you change majors or academic goals.

Please note: your coach's guidelines may be more stringent than NJCAA and/or PVCC academic requirements.

- **Academic Progress**

Students are strongly encouraged to and must enroll in more than the 12 hours per semester required for eligibility if they plan to graduate from PVCC in four semesters. Additional credits can be earned during summer sessions. Students who wish to continue athletic competition at a NCAA school after leaving PVCC may be required to earn a degree

from PVCC to be eligible for competition at that institution.

Contact Greg Silcox at (602) 787-6622 or Christina Hundley at (602) 787-7173 for more information regarding NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse requirements.

- **Academic Probation**

The college will place a student on academic probation if the cumulative GPA is less than the following:

Semester credit units used to compute GPA	Minimum GPA required
12-15	1.60
16-30	1.75
31-45	1.90
46 +	2.00

*** Please note:* graduation requires a minimum grade point average of 2.00

- **Academic Tracking**

Academic tracking forms will be sent to all instructors of student-athletes during both spring and fall semesters. Students who are not performing at a satisfactory level (below C, excessive absence, unacceptable classroom behavior) will be required to follow a specific plan for remediation as a condition of continued participation.

- **P.A.S.S. Time (Puma Athlete Student Success)**

All freshman athletes and all continuing athletes with a cumulative GPA lower than 3.0 will be required to attend mandatory P.A.S.S. Time 2 hours per week. During this time students are to complete homework and/or study for their academic coursework. Access to wireless internet (with personal laptop) is available. Failure to attend P.A.S.S. Time will affect your athletic eligibility.

- **Puma Path**

The Puma Path is an academic plan that lays out the academic coursework necessary to earn your associates degree or alternative completion goal. The Path is mandatory for athletic eligibility and must be set-up you first semester of attendance.

Paths must be created with the assistance of your Academic Advisor (Tony or Andy) on an appointment basis. They will be monitored after the completion of each subsequent semester. You will be notified of the need for corrective action if you deviate from your Path.

Fall Paths	Appointments after September 1 st
Spring Paths	Appointments after February 1 st

Appointments: (602) 787-7060

Individuals involved will be asked to meet on a monthly basis and participate in campus leadership activities. Interested persons should contact their coach.

- **Service Learning & Community Service**

Service Learning allows a student-athlete to apply his or her skills knowledge to applications that meet global and community needs, such as participating in the Relay for Life or Race for the Cure. Community Service activities are volunteer activities which may or may not involve knowledge based skills from your sport such as Habitat for Humanity.

PVCC athletics is dedicated to Service and Community learning efforts. Teams are required to select an annual project to complete. Participation in the annual department wide campaign is also encouraged.

Often academic class assignment points can be earned for your participation in an athletic service learning project.

- **Learning Seminars**

There are many outside classroom learning seminars available at PVCC. Several are offered through the Counseling Office. In addition the Athletics Department will occasionally offer in-house seminars or workshops for academic transfer, health and well-being, and goal setting. You are highly encouraged to attend these programs. In some instances credit for P.A.S.S. Time hours will be applied for your participation.

- **Athletic Eligibility**

Athletic eligibility is governed by the NJCAA and is strictly enforced at PVCC. Each student must fill out a Eligibility Packet to determine your eligibility status. These packets are available through your coach or Christina Hundley in L-109.

Transcripts from any previously attended colleges or universities and a copy of your high school transcripts showing your high school graduation date must be on file at the Office of Admissions and Records before eligibility can be determined.

The NJCAA penalties for violation of eligibility rules are severe. Accordingly, students **will not be allowed to practice or compete** unless all eligibility criteria are verified.

Deadline for Fall: August 1st

Deadline for Spring: October 1st (T&F only); January 10th

- **Travel**

When transportation is provided by PVCC, all athletes must depart from Paradise Valley Community College while traveling on athletic trips and return to the college. You are not allowed to take your own vehicle and/or return via other transportation other than the school buses or vans when provided.

**** Please note:** if you do not travel with the team, **you are not covered** under MCCD insurance should any accident occur while traveling to or from an event. On overnight trips, PVCC coaches strictly enforce all of our travel rule procedures which prohibit alcohol, drugs, and curfew violations, etc. Violations that occur under these categories will result in dismissal from the athletic team and possible suspension or probation from PVCC.

- **Equipment & Lockers**

Each student-athlete will be provided an assigned locker and equipment necessary to compete in their sport. Equipment, including uniforms, is provided on a loan basis and must be returned to the Athletic Department at the end of the season. Any lost or damaged equipment will result in a debt being placed on the student's account at PVCC. This will prevent further registration and/or transfer to another college. Please take care of your equipment to avoid this problem. Please contact Todd Lehman at (602) 787-6621 to arrange for a locker.

- **Class Absences**

Absences may be official or unofficial. When attendance is mandatory as a part of course requirements, it is your responsibility to speak with your instructor regarding his/her absence policy. Official absences occur when you are involved in an official PVCC activity (i.e. game, travel to game, etc.). **Class time is never to be missed for practice or a scrimmage.**

Prior to the beginning of each competitive season, the Athletic Director will forward a list of official absence dates to instructors. An official absence does not excuse you from completing course work that was due while you were absent. It is your responsibility to check with your instructors prior to each absence to verify how and when missed assignments should be completed.

- **Drops/Add/Withdrawals**

Students may add a course during the semester. Students who drop a course during the semester may jeopardize their athletic eligibility. ***It is mandatory to confer with an Academic Advisor and the Athletic Director before dropping any courses to determine how this will*** affect your academic and athletic eligibility.

*****Please note:*** Student-athletes must be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours per semester) to be eligible for competition, scholarships, and book loans.