



HIGHER DEGREES

IN OUR FORECAST

Annual report on articulation and transfer
for Arizona postsecondary education

2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR



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“NOW, MORE THAN EVER,
WE AS A SOCIETY NEED TO SUPPORT
THE HIGHER EDUCATION
PROGRESS OF OUR STUDENTS.

Most jobs require a higher education degree and the lack of this degree limits the potential of our state residents and the future of our state as a whole. AZTransfer provides the support and expertise that, together with our Arizona public community colleges and universities, gives options to our students that enable degree accessibility, affordability, and the means to make every college credit count. ”

LINDA ELLIOTT-NELSON

VICE PRESIDENT FOR LEARNING SERVICES
ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE

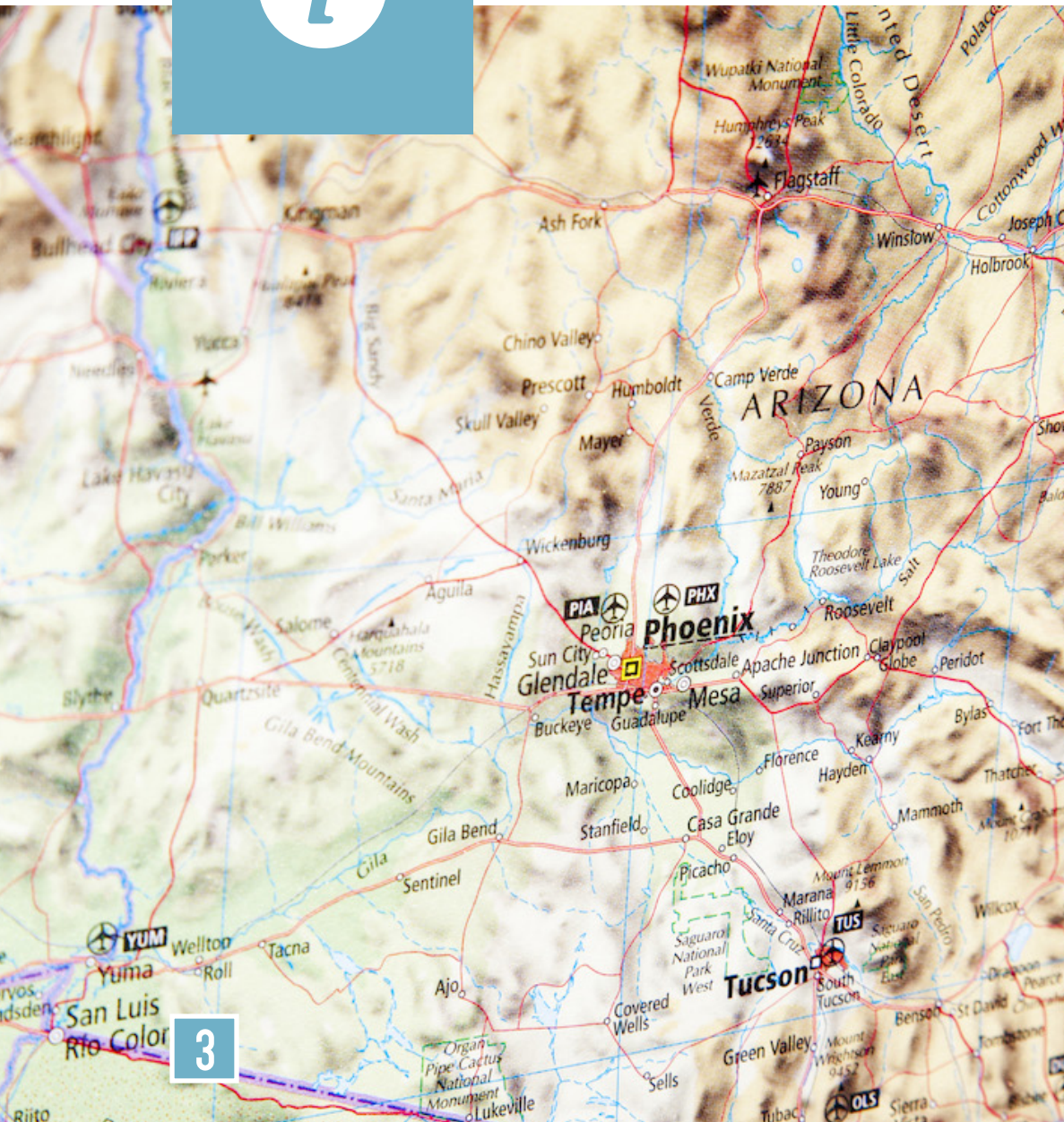
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2016-2017

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ABOUT THIS REPORT

FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, academic leaders from each of Arizona's public postsecondary institutions have collaborated to support transfer student success. Known as the AZTransfer Steering Committee, this coordinating body ensures Arizona's students have access to efficient, seamless, and simple ways to transfer from a community college to a university in Arizona.

Born out of legislation passed in 1996, the AZTransfer Steering Committee works to fulfill a promise to provide high-quality educational pathways that lead to baccalaureate degree completion for all Arizonans. This report highlights results, services, and innovations in the 2016-2017 academic year that deliver on that promise and make higher degrees in our forecast a reality.



VISION

College degree pathways are accessible to all Arizonans.

VALUES

The decisions and actions of the AZTransfer Steering Committee demonstrate our:

- Purpose is to promote and support student academic success;
- Leadership is transparent, collegial, collaborative, and proactive;
- Decision making is data-informed and outcome-focused;
- Fiscal stewardship is financially responsible and goal-oriented.

MISSION

The AZTransfer Steering Committee, an organization of academic leaders, supports successful application of transfer credits leading to degree completion for students in all public and tribal higher education institutions in Arizona.

MAKE EVERY CREDIT COUNT

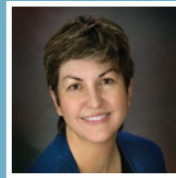
YEAR IN REVIEW

AZTransfer's major events, milestones, and annual activities in the 2016-2017 academic year.

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WORKSHOP FOR ADMISSIONS & OUTREACH STAFF



LINDA ELLIOTT-NELSON
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University Co-Chair

- REPORT COMPARING JUNIOR YEAR GPA OF NEW AZCC TRANSFERS TO NEW FRESHMAN OR A NON-AZCC TRANSFER PUBLISHED
- STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - NEW CO-CHAIRS VOTED IN
- ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP REPORTS PUBLISHED
- COLLEGE FAIR STATEWIDE TOUR BEGINS
- GENERAL EDUCATION ATF MEETING
- ACADEMIC ADVISING ATF MEETING
- HOSTED 18 ATF MEETINGS



- ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED TO ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
- ANNUAL REPORT PRESENTED TO ARIZONA COMMUNITY COLLEGE COORDINATING COUNCIL
- HOSTED 2 ATF MEETINGS

J A S O N D

- ATF MEETING FACILITATORS RETREAT
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- STATEWIDE FACULTY ATF TRAINING
- ADMISSIONS & RECORDS ATF MEETING



ATF MEETING FACILITATORS' ANNUAL TRAINING
FLAGSTAFF, AZ

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- HOSTED 22 ATF MEETINGS

- STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
- ANNUAL REPORTS DISTRIBUTED TO STAKEHOLDERS

2017

- PROVIDED DATA FOR STEM GRANT PROPOSAL
- MIGRATED TO VIRTUAL SERVERS



- GENERATED AND SUBMITTED TRANSFER AND GRADUATION DATA TO ABOR'S ENTERPRISE METRICS DASHBOARD

- REPORTS ON BACCALAUREATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS, NEW TRANSFERS' GRADUATION RATE, AND FIRST-YEAR PERFORMANCE OF NEW TRANSFERS PUBLISHED

- GENERAL EDUCATION ATF MEETING



- STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATED
- REPORT ON TRANSFER RATE OF FIRST-TIME COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS PUBLISHED
- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

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- STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
- ACADEMIC ADVISING ATF MEETING
- MARKETING COLLATERAL UPDATED AND PRINTED



- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
- AZTRANSFER SUMMIT
- TRANSFER ADVOCATE AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED
- ASSIST STEERING COMMITTEE AND USERS MEETINGS



BREAKOUT SESSION AT THE AZTRANSFER SUMMIT APRIL 13-14, 2017 SCOTTSDALE, AZ



MARTHA CORDOVA DIRECTOR OF TRANSFER SERVICES ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE AZTRANSFER ADVOCATE AWARD RECIPIENT

- STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
- KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORT UPDATED AND PUBLISHED
- PUBLISHED REPORT ON BACCALAUREATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS WITH ARIZONA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CREDITS



AZTRANSFER BY THE NUMBERS

EACH ACADEMIC YEAR AZTransfer reaches thousands of Arizonans through its programs and services. Committee memberships, event attendance, data, website analytics, and other numbers paint a picture of the results AZTransfer delivers to stakeholders. It is AZTransfer's priority to maximize member institutions' return on their investment in the Arizona Transfer System.

1,751

AZTransfer members statewide



15,924

bachelor's degree recipients in 2015-16 who earned credits at an Arizona community college



148

faculty and staff with 15 or more years of service to AZTransfer



27

community college and university visits



42,400

pieces of marketing collateral distributed to community colleges and universities

4,383

stakeholders on the AZTransfer email list

10,853

new transfers from Arizona community colleges



1,235,612

unique page views on AZTransfer.com



89

high schools visited



5,816,648

student records loaded into the ASSIST database

1,290

faculty engaged in articulation task forces



276

AZTransfer Summit attendees in 2017



2017

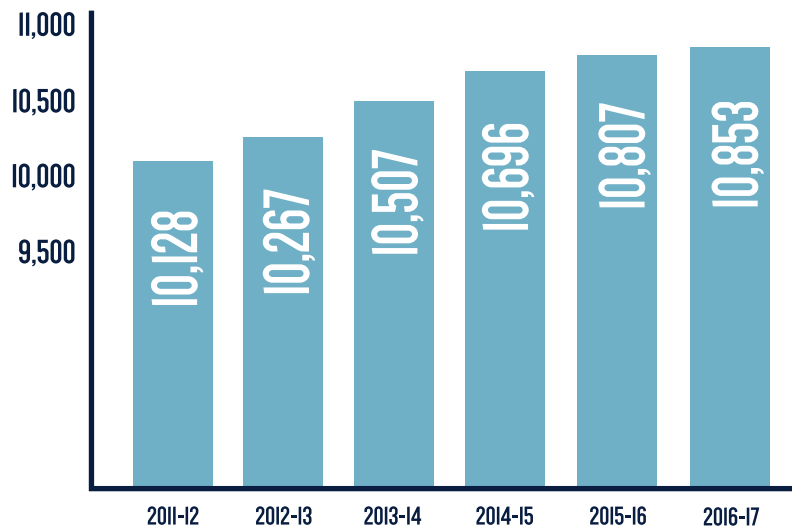
TRANSFER DATA REPORTING

THE ARIZONA STATE SYSTEM FOR INFORMATION ON STUDENT TRANSFER (ASSIST) is a relational database containing enrollment and degree information on students attending Arizona's public universities and community college districts. Using this data, AZTransfer provides a statewide snapshot of progress toward improving transfer and degree attainment in Arizona. This report includes five data sets that are published in each academic year's report.



NEW TRANSFERS

WHO ENTERED ARIZONA PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES
FROM ARIZONA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

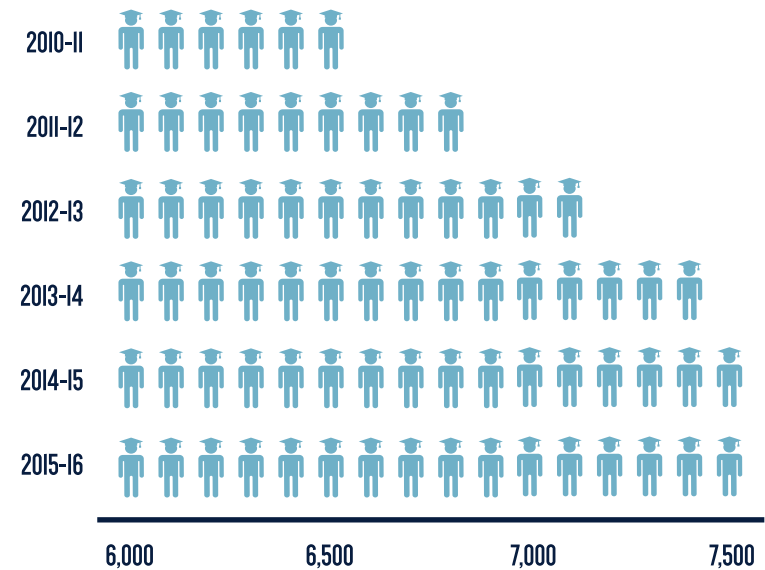


NEW TRANSFERS are defined as the number of students entering an Arizona university in a fall or spring semester with 12 or more credits from one or more of the Arizona public community colleges.



BACCALAUREATE DEGREE RECIPIENTS

WHO ENTERED AS NEW TRANSFERS
FROM ARIZONA COMMUNITY COLLEGES





CREDIT HOURS TRANSFERRED AT ENTRY

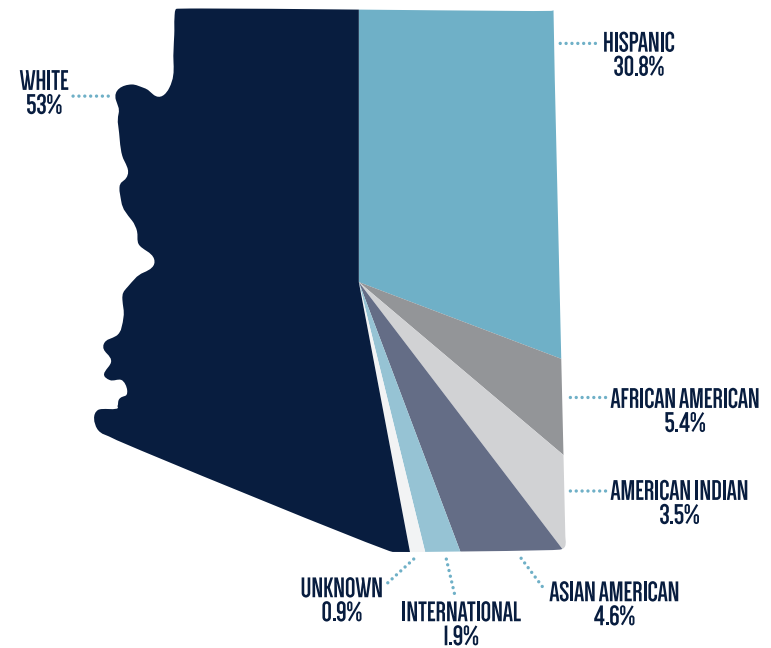
BY NEW TRANSFERS FROM ARIZONA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
12-23 HOURS	7.2%	7.2%	7.0%	7.1%	7.3%	7.9%
24-34 HOURS	8.3%	8.0%	8.5%	8.9%	8.4%	8.4%
35-59 HOURS	33.0%	30.8%	30.3%	30.5%	29.9%	30.8%
60+ HOURS	51.5%	53.9%	54.2%	53.5%	54.4%	52.8%
ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE	54.0%	54.9%	54.8%	56.0%	55.5%	N/A
AGEC ONLY	5.9%	5.2%	5.4%	4.9%	4.9%	N/A



ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION

OF 2016-17 NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS

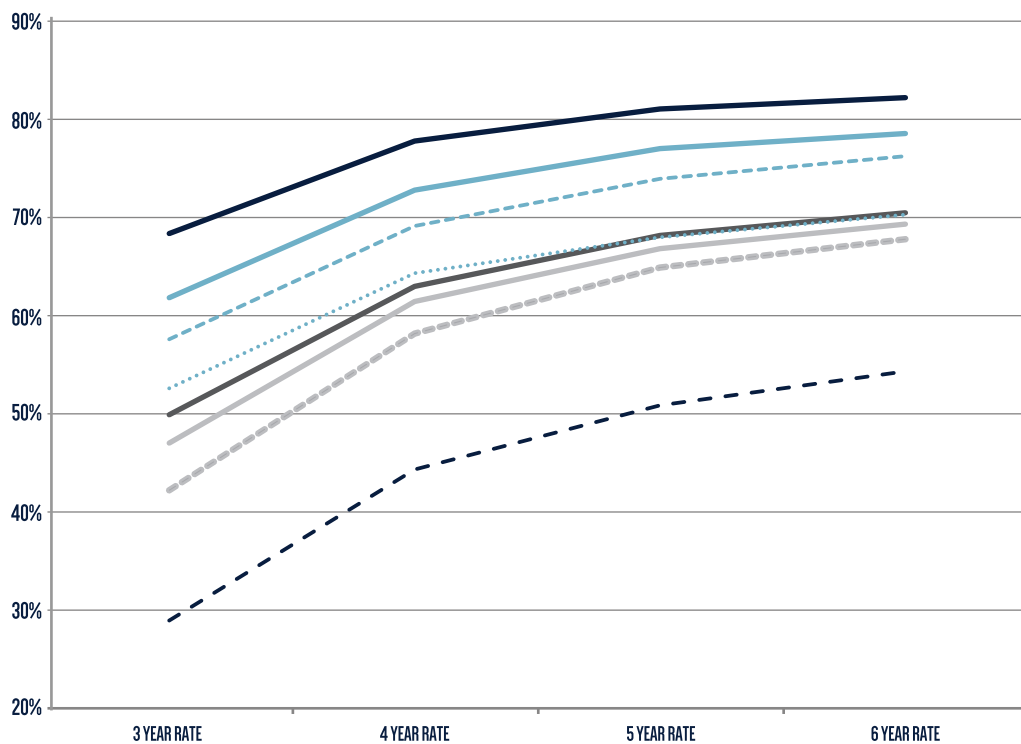


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BACCALAUREATE DEGREE GRADUATION RATE

OF ARIZONA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER STUDENTS



LEGEND

- TOTAL
- FULL TIME WITH TRANSFER ASSOCIATE OR AGECE
- - - PART TIME WITHOUT TRANSFER ASSOCIATE OR AGECE
- TRANSFER ASSOCIATE
- - - AGECE
- 60+ HOURS WITHOUT ASSOCIATE OR AGECE
- FULL TIME WITHOUT TRANSFER ASSOCIATE OR AGECE
- - - PART TIME WITH TRANSFER ASSOCIATE OR AGECE

Graduation rates are cumulative. Students graduating within three years are also included in the six years column.



ARTICULATION TASK FORCES

ARTICULATION TASK FORCES (ATFs) are the heart of AZTransfer's faculty-driven transfer model. Each fall, 1,290 faculty in 43 academic disciplines convene to evaluate course transferability and discuss curricular alignment. The outcome of these meetings provides the content for the tools and resources on AZTransfer.com that students, advisors, and counselors use to plan a seamless transfer. In addition to the discipline specific ATFs, academic advising, admissions and records, and general education ATFs meet several times a year to address issues and trends in student support and general studies.

ATF FACULTY MEMBERS BY INSTITUTION

 ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	181	 NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY	103	 ARIZONA	67
 ARIZONA WESTERN COLLEGE	49	 Central Arizona College	69	 COCHISE COLLEGE	45
 Coconino Community College	43	 Diné College	35	 EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE	35
 MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES	445	 MCC Mohave Community College	38	 Northland Pioneer College	46
 PimaCommunityCollege	75	 YAVAPAI COLLEGE	19	 YAVAPAI COLLEGE	45

STATEWIDE AZTRANSFER MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL MEMBERS	1,751		
ATF FACULTY	1,290	ADMISSIONS & RECORDS ATF	64
ASSIST	84	GENERAL EDUCATION ATF	39
ACADEMIC ADVISING ATF	75	COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST	148

“ I VALUE THE COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION IN WORKING WITH AZTRANSFER.

Members represent higher education needs and opportunities for students across the state, and I appreciate the shared commitment to improving programs and services. ”

SUSAN JOHNSTAD

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR OFF CAMPUS EDUCATION
NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

AZTRANSFER STEERING COMMITTEE
UNIVERSITY CO-CHAIR





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AZTRANSFER TOOLS & RESOURCES

AZTRANSFER DEVELOPS AND MAINTAINS web services and other resources directly related to operating the Arizona Transfer System and promoting transfer opportunities and programs. These tools and resources ensure faculty, staff, and students have access to transfer information from anywhere in the state. Many tools are refreshed daily while others are updated annually or as needed.

STUDENT ADVISING RESOURCES

COURSE EQUIVALENCY GUIDE

The Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) is a statewide database that provides detailed information on how community college courses transfer to the three public universities. Users can search for course equivalency by subject, institution, and course number. Course data from each of Arizona's public and tribal community colleges and universities is represented in the CEG.

DUAL ENROLLMENT GUIDE

Dual Enrollment courses are community college courses taken in high schools. The Dual Enrollment Guide shows how these courses transfer to Arizona's three state universities.

EXAM EQUIVALENCY GUIDE

The Exam Equivalency Guide (EEG) shows users how exam scores may translate to college credit at Arizona community colleges and state universities. The EEG provides information on five testing programs-- Advanced Placement (AP), Cambridge International Examination (CIE), College Level Proficiency Exam (CLEP), Dantes (DSST), and International Baccalaureate (IB).

MAJOR & DEGREE GUIDES

For students who have selected a major but not a university, Major & Degree Guides link associate's degrees to their related bachelor's degrees for majors that are offered by two or more of Arizona's public universities. Major & Degree Guides provide a list of recommended lower division courses at the student's community college that will meet the requirements for that major at any of the three universities.



MARKETING COLLATERAL

AZTransfer provides marketing collateral and promotional items to each member institution by request. The materials are used in orientation packets, during advising sessions, as a compliment to recruitment and outreach efforts, and more. A general transfer brochure and a handout specifically about the Arizona General Education Curriculum are currently available.

MOBILE APP

The AZTransfer mobile app offers on-the-go course planning and is available for both iOS and Android devices. The mobile app includes data from the Arizona General Education Curriculum, Course Equivalency Guide, Exam Equivalency Guide, and the Majors & Degrees Guide.



FACULTY & STAFF RESOURCES

ARIZONA COURSE EQUIVALENCY TRACKING SYSTEM

The Arizona Course Equivalency Tracking System (ACETS) is a web-based application that tracks course equivalency decisions, including SUN courses, as the courses move through the statewide evaluation and articulation process (Figure 1). ACETS supports all decision-making required to establish equivalencies in Arizona beginning with the initial request for an equivalency evaluation and ending with the creation of a report to be used by Arizona university encoders. ACETS tracks the timeframe for course equivalency from source institution to target institution and triggers a report to target institutions when timelines are outside normal boundaries. A target school records its decision in ACETS within 45 days and encodes it within 15 days. Institutions can check recent information activity by querying the database.

ARIZONA STATE SYSTEM FOR INFORMATION ON STUDENT TRANSFER

The Arizona State System for Information on Student Transfer (ASSIST) is a relational database containing enrollment and degree information on students attending Arizona's public universities and community college districts.

USER MANUALS

AZTransfer publishes four web-based user manuals: the ATF Handbook & Policy Manual, Website Users Manual, Technology Users Manual, and the ASSIST Users Manual. These manuals can be accessed online via the Faculty/Staff portal page (Figure 4).

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM REVIEW AND EVALUATION SYSTEM

The Academic Curriculum Review and Evaluation System (ACRES) is available for Arizona institutions to use for their formal internal curriculum review and evaluation process (Figure 2). Curriculum approved through ACRES can be submitted directly to ACETS with a single click. Other institutional processes can also be deployed in ACRES such as Program Approval forms, Institutional Degree/Certificate forms, Employee Development and more.

FIGURE 1 - ACETS



FIGURE 2 - ACRES

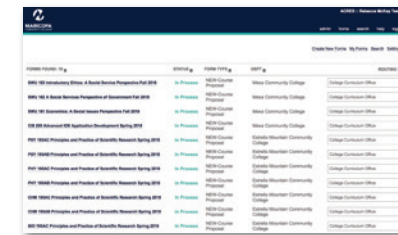


FIGURE 3 - ATF PORTALS

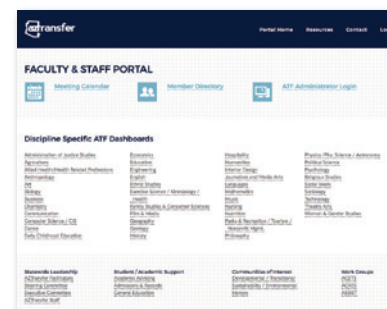


FIGURE 4 - USER MANUALS



ARTICULATION TASK FORCE PORTALS

A comprehensive resource which allows both institutional and statewide staff to maintain membership databases, curriculum (prefixes, degrees and pathways), meeting reports, and the master statewide calendar for AZTransfer's Articulation Task Forces (Figure 3).

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