

FEDERAL COMPLIANCE

CREDITS, PROGRAM LENGTH, AND TUITION

As part of the Maricopa County Community College District, Scottsdale Community College determines credits, program length, and tuition on the basis of District standards. The College operates on a semester schedule, with two 16-week semesters (Fall and Spring) as well as one 8-week and two 5-week summer sessions. In addition, the College offers a number of late-starting and open entry/open exit classes. Classes that fall outside the traditional semester time frame meet for the same number of minutes per credit as traditional classes.

Program length varies according to the degree or certificate awarded, but most associates' degrees require 60–66 credits. Certificate programs may range from a few credits to a program of study requiring a year or more of full-time study to complete. All requirements for degrees and certificates are clearly stated in the College's *General Catalog and Student Handbook*, which is available online at www.scottsdalecc.edu/catalog.

Tuition at Scottsdale Community College is determined by the Governing Board and is consistent throughout the District. Tuition per credit hour is based on the student's residency, with out-of-county and out-of-state students paying a higher rate than Maricopa County residents. In addition, course fees may be charged for courses that use special equipment and/or supplies. Information regarding tuition and fees is clearly stated in the College catalog and schedule of classes as well as on the College website.

INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE WITH THE HIGHER EDUCATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Title IV Compliance

Scottsdale Community College is authorized to participate in the following Federal Financial Aid programs:

- Pell Grant
- Perkins Loan
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
- Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan
- Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
- Federal Work Study
- Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) Loan

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In addition, the College participates in Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP), a federal/state grant program.

SCC complies fully with the Title IV requirements of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, and the current Program Participation Agreement (PPA), Eligibility and Certification Renewal (ECAR), program reviews, and program audits are available in the Resource Room.

Table 8.1: SCC's Title IV default rates for 2002–2004 are:

Fiscal Year	Default Rate	National Average
2002	8.5%	8.5%
2003	7.3%	7.6%
2004	7.9%	8.1%

SCC's default rates are very close to the national averages for two-year public institutions. The College partners with USA Funds in using the Debt Manager system to identify students who are delinquent on loan payments. The College alerts students by letter of the potential danger of default and offers options to stay in good status. In addition, the College informs students who drop below half-time status or who completely withdraw of their responsibilities related to maintaining good status.

STUDENT NOTIFICATION OF COLLEGE CRIME AND GRADUATION RATES

The College Safety Department publishes regular incident reports to the college community via email, and the annual Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Report is posted on the College website. The current report is available at www.scottsdalecc.edu/safety. Graduation and transfer rates are compiled by the District for the IPEDS reporting system administered by the National Center for Education Statistics. This information is available on the IPEDS website at <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>. The College also files the annual Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act report. The most recent report is available in the Resource Room.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Several programs at SCC are separately accredited by professional agencies:

- The Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).
- The Culinary Arts program is accredited by the American Culinary Federation Foundation Accrediting Commission.
- The Interior Design program is accredited by the Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA, formerly known as FIDER).
- The Teacher Education program is accredited by the Arizona Department of Education for its participation in the Scottsdale Teacher Education Partnership.



OFF-CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Scottsdale Community College offers some courses at various off-campus locations, and students may complete a number of different Business certificates at the Business Institute, but completion of the associate degrees requires general education coursework that is available only at the main campus; therefore, students are unable to complete a degree at off-campus locations. The most recent end-of-term report of the Business Institute is available in the Resource Room.

ADVERTISING AND RECRUITMENT MATERIALS

Scottsdale Community College presents accurate information regarding its affiliation status with the Higher Learning Commission in the *General Catalog and Student Handbook* and the College's website. The statement in the catalog reads:

Scottsdale Community College is accredited by:
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60602
Phone: 312-263-0456 or 800-621-7440
FAX: 312-263-7462

The College's website includes the same information and a link to the Higher Learning Commission's website. Recognizing that incomplete information was published in the schedule of classes, the College corrected the statement for the Summer 2007 schedule.

Public notice of the February, 2007, site visit was published in the *Scottsdale Republic*, *Scottsdale Tribune*, *SCC Campus News*, and *Fountain Hills Times*. Copies of the notices are available in the Resource Room.

ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS OF STUDENT COMPLAINTS

Scottsdale Community College responds to student complaints according to the policies outlined in the *General Catalog and Student Handbook*, and the appropriate administrator (Vice President of Academic Affairs, Vice President of Student Affairs, or Dean of Instruction) maintains records of complaints and their disposition. These records are available for review.





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