COLLEGE MADE CONVENIENT

AFFORDABLE. FLEXIBLE. ONLINE.

RIO SALADO COLLEGE
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Fast Facts

2018-2019 Student Population

49,459
TOTAL STUDENT HEADCOUNT

2018-2019 Student Gender

60%
FEMALE

38%
MALE

2% unknown

2018-2019 Student Age

42.1%
20-29

26.7%
<19

17.0%
30-39

5.3%
50+

8.8%
40-49

2018-2019 Student Ethnicity

White
49.4%

Hispanic/Latino
25.5%

Asian
4.9%

African American
7.1%

American Indian/Alaska Native
1.7%

Native Hawaiian/South Pacific Island
0.3%

Other
3.7%

Not Specified
7.4%

Affordable Tuition

$85
PER CREDIT

Maricopa County and Reciprocal Counties
Flexible Online Education on Your Schedule

With our convenient online classes, affordable tuition and classes that start most Mondays, you can fit education into your life. Take one class or take a full load – it’s up to you! Online classes let you dictate the schedule so you can make time for work, family and life commitments.

Whether you are looking to earn a college certificate or degree, transfer your credits to a university partner, get a head start on college, learn English, prepare for the GED® test, jump-start your career or something in between, you’ll find it at Rio Salado!

Support Throughout Your Academic Journey

Rio offers a robust menu of student services to support your educational journey. We are dedicated to our students’ success and are here to guide you every step of the way. Some of our services include:

- Valley-wide locations and testing centers
- Tutoring, library and technical helpdesk support
- Academic advising
- Bookstore – onsite and online
- Career and counseling services
- Disability resources
- Honors/Phi Theta Kappa/student life groups
- Financial aid and scholarships

Workforce Development

Rio Salado prepares thousands of knowledge workers for careers through collaborative partnerships with leading businesses and government agencies. Educational Service Partnerships deliver course work that is highly customized and industry specific delivered on-site at places of employment. riosalado.edu/earnedcredits

Adult Education Programs

We offer adult education programs to prepare adult learners for college, personal and career success. These programs include in-person English as a Second Language classes at 6 locations throughout the Valley, online and in-person GED® test prep classes, and Adult ACE (Achieving a College Education). riosalado.edu/adult-education

Early College for High School Students

High school students can get a head start on college through dual enrollment. You can earn both high school and college credit for certain classes taught at your high school. Dual enrollment credits transfer to our university partners, allowing you to finish college faster while saving time and money! riosalado.edu/dual

Find Your Calling

As an HLC-accredited institution, we offer 130+ degree and certificate programs and 600+ online classes in areas like applied technology, behavioral science and human services, business, entrepreneurialism and management, computer and information technology, culture and society, education, health sciences and STEM.

- Not sure of your long-term goals? Career and Counseling services and also your Advisor can help you develop a plan to map out your degree requirements at Rio and make a plan if university transfer is your goal.
- Want a promotion at work? Completing one of our workforce-centric certificates may just be the answer.
- Stuck in a job rut? Earning a teaching certificate can open the doors to a new career.
- Always wanted to learn something new (like sign language)? Now you can...online!

With so many choices, your education possibilities are endless.

“I am beyond grateful for the opportunities and flexibility that Rio Salado offered. They made it possible for me to stay home with my son, work and attend school.”

DESIREE WILLIAMS
2019 STUDENT COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER
Paying for College

There are many ways to pay for college including financial aid, payment plans and third-party payments. Many Rio Salado students are eligible to receive some type of financial aid. Financial aid comes in many forms such as grants, scholarships and student loans. Keep in mind that it takes 4-6 weeks to process a financial aid application. [riosalado.edu/FA](http://riosalado.edu/FA)

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For a full list of tuition and fees visit [riosalado.edu/tuition](http://riosalado.edu/tuition)

Transfer Made Easy

Many of our students transfer to a four-year institution after getting a personalized, affordable education at Rio Salado. Our credits and associate degrees are accepted at universities across Arizona and the United States. Your Advisor can assist you with planning. In addition, we have articulation agreements with Arizona's three public universities and 40+ university partners nationwide. [riosalado.edu/transfer](http://riosalado.edu/transfer)

How Do I Become a Student?

1. **Check Out Your Options**
   Visit riosalado.edu to explore the classes and certificate/degree programs available and learn more about everything Rio Salado has to offer.

2. **Get Admitted**
   Start an admissions application online at: [admissions.maricopa.edu](http://admissions.maricopa.edu)

3. **Work with an Advisor**
   Rio Salado’s academic advisors are a great resource for answering questions, planning your schedule, creating an academic plan and guiding you through your academic journey. Contact us at 480-517-8580 (in-state), 1-833-RIO-WAVE (out-of-state) or email academic.advisement@riosalado.edu.

4. **Look for Scholarships**
   Visit [riosalado.edu/scholarships](http://riosalado.edu/scholarships) to see a list of scholarship opportunities available for Rio Salado students.

5. **Apply for Financial Aid**
   Go to [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) to access the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. (Rio’s FAFSA School Code is 014483).

6. **Start Planning**
   A step-by-step overview of how to become a Rio Salado student can be found at [startatrio.com](http://startatrio.com)

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Programs by Field of Interest

**Applied Technology**
Nanotechnology

**Behavioral Science and Human Services**
Addictions and Substance Use Disorders
Administration of Justice Studies
Child and Family Organizations Management and Administration Corrections
Homeland Security
Law Enforcement
Legal Studies
Paralegal
Professional Addictions Counseling
Victimology

**Business, Entrepreneurialism and Management**
Accounting
Entrepreneurial Studies
General Business
Risk Management and Insurance
Organizational Management
Public Administration
Quality Customer Service
Retail Management
Small Business Management

**Computer and Information Technology**
Computer System Configuration and Support
Computer System Configuration and Support, Network
Computer System Configuration and Support, Security
Desktop Support
Information Technology
iOS Application Development
Mobile Apps Programming
Microsoft Office Professional
Microsoft Office Specialist Programming
Programming and System Analysis
Web Design/Development
Web Design
Web Foundations

**Education**
Early Childhood Education
Foundations of Early Childhood Education
K-12 eLearning Design**
K-12 Online Teaching**
Teacher Endorsements
Teacher Education
Teacher-in-Residence Programs

**Health Sciences**
Community Dental Health Coordination
Dental Hygiene
Foundations of Sports Medicine**
Sustainable Food Systems

**STEM Sustainability****
District-wide Associate Degrees
- AA: Associate in Arts
- AAEE: Elementary Education
- ABus GR: General Requirements
- ABus SR: Special Requirements
- AGS: Associate in General Studies
- AS: Associate in Science

Note: Programs are subject to change.
For a list of the most current program offerings visit riosalado.edu/programs

**Culture and Society**
Creative Writing**
Language and Literary Culture of the USA**
Language Studies**
Spanish and Spanish Culture**
Sustainability and Ecological Literacy**

**Education**
Early Childhood Education
Foundations of Early Childhood Education
K-12 eLearning Design**
K-12 Online Teaching**
Teacher Endorsements
Teacher Education
Teacher-in-Residence Programs

**Health Sciences**
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Dental Hygiene
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“I started my new life at Rio Salado College. They gave me the opportunity to grow. So now I have strong roots and all the tools I need to succeed.”

MARIA GOMES
Adult Education Student
Meeting the Needs of Today’s Students

Rio Salado College, based in Tempe, AZ, is one of the 10 Maricopa Community Colleges, and one of the largest community colleges in the nation. The college was founded in 1978 to serve distance learning students. Today, the college is recognized nationally as an innovative leader in online learning.

We proudly serve nearly 50,000 students annually through: