

ASDP/ARC PROFILE

Maricopa Community College—Paradise Valley

Institution Name:

Maricopa Community College—Paradise Valley
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Brief Institutional Description: The college is one of the ten colleges in the Maricopa County Community College District and primarily, a liberal arts associate's degree institution with an enrollment of 9,000+ students. Additionally, the college has several occupational degree programs leading to certificates or degrees in environmental science, business, computer science, and international business. Degrees Offered: Associate of Arts, Associate of General Studies. Affiliation or Control: State/Local. Academic Calendar: Semester. Setting: Suburban Phoenix. Regional Airport: Sky Harbor International Airport.

International Development: The Maricopa Community—Paradise Valley College Center for International Studies provides a wide array of innovative instructional and student development programs in international education with a primary focus on Latin America and the Pacific Rim.

Grants: The Maricopa Community—Paradise Valley College Center for International Studies was founded in 1994 under the auspices of an U.S. Department of Education Title VI-B grant. The Center's commitment to international education leadership and service has resulted in exemplary programs, awards, and initiatives:

- awarded a second U.S. Department of Education Title VI-B grant to access the global digital economy
- awarded an International Consortium for Education and Economic Development grant to create online courses bilingual courses with CETYS University, Baja California, Mexico
- awarded an USAID grant to train environmental technicians at the University of Tabasco, Villahermosa, Mexico

- awarded an U.S. Department of Education Title VI-A grant for humanities and foreign languages curriculum and program development
- awarded a U.S. Department of Education FIPSE grant to participate with a consortium of colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, and Mexico on a trilateral student exchange grant
- awarded a Japan Foundation library grant
- designated as Regional Center for Asian Studies by the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii
- received the Faculty Recognition Award for exemplary international programs by the Consortium for Community College Development
- awarded the International Achievement Award for international faculty development and a comprehensive international resource center by American Council on International Intercultural Education

Study Abroad: Programs include: Cuba, Cyprus, India, Mexico, Peru, and Vietnam.