



THE UNIVERSITY
OF ARIZONA

New Start Summer Program

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA – THRIVE CENTER
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New Start Overview

HISTORY AND MISSION

- Established at the University of Arizona in 1969
- Six-week summer bridge program for incoming first-year students
- Here to serve students of color, first-generation students, and students from low-income backgrounds
- Comprehensive transition to university life



STUDENT WORDS

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New Start was the place that I was first able to call home at the university and pushed me to grow as a person and leader.

Ezequiel J. – New Start
2018 Alumnus



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I've grown up a lot in these last six weeks. At first, campus seemed so intimidating. But I feel a lot more at home now.

Natalie R. – New Start
2022 Alumna

Quoted in the *Arizona Daily Star*

Why New Start?

KEY BENEFITS

- Students build social capital through peer leaders, instructors, and campus contacts
- Earn 6-7 credits before fall begins
- Navigational capital and resources
- Unveiling the hidden curriculum
- Feel like sophomores in the fall!



More than “summer school”

KEY COMPONENTS

- Optional housing component
- Signature events: BLAST, Monte Carlo, Academic Conference, Su Casa Programs
- Student staff-driven
- Robust financial aid packages
- Strong alumni network

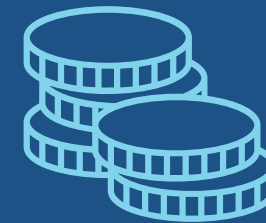


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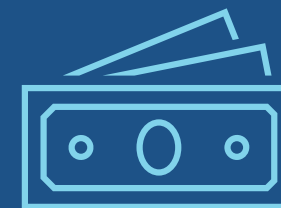
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- 60% for filing two FAFSAs
- Does not require specific EFC



PELL PROMISE

- Supplements any amount of Pell Grant to fill tuition + fees
- Looks at EFC from earlier FAFSA



FRIENDS AND ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

- Intended for students who narrowly miss Pell eligibility
- Pool of alumni/supporter donations

What do the students do?

THE TYPICAL DAY

8:00-10:30am

GENERAL EDUCATION

Students take Math, English, Anthropology, or Psychology— whichever will yield the greatest benefit to them based on major and placement exams.

Small class led by an instructor, with the aid of a tutor who attends class every day.

11:00-12:15pm

TOPICS IN LEADERSHIP

HED 297a serves as the “programmatic hub” of New Start. With the guidance of a Peer Mentor, students build their networks, explore social justice topics, and learn valuable resources to navigate campus.

Monday-Thursday discussions
Friday lecture with all students

AFTERNOON

EXPERIENCES

Students can “choose their own adventure” based on several opportunities.

- Tutoring and mentoring
- Passport to Health
- College partnerships
- Su Casa dorm programs
- Many other opportunities

THANK YOU

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