What is a learning community?
Learning communities integrate two or more courses in ways that meaningfully connect the knowledge of each course. Students and faculty engage in a collaborative effort of teaching and learning that may include experiential learning, active participation, critical thinking, thematic or problem-solving projects, and reflection. Some learning communities extend learning beyond the classroom.

What are the benefits?
- A deeper understanding of course material.
- Making connections across fields of study or disciplines.
- Personal growth and more efficient academic progress.
- One assignment often meets the needs of two or more classes.
- Active participation in one’s own learning, class and community.
- Coordination of major tests and assignments to not occur on the same day.
- Usually multiple instructors in the class at the same time.
- Arizona universities accept the combination of classes for their general education requirements.

General Education

Williams Campus

Cowboys and Gangsters/Remakes and Sequels: America’s Love of the Movies
Students will examine a brief history of film through the 1970s, concentrating on the American Western and gangster genres. In addition, the course will examine the phenomena of film remakes, sequels, and literary adaptations within this context, including True Grit featuring John Wayne and the recent Coen brothers remake as well as The Godfather.

ENG101 (#34328) TR 9:00-10:15 a.m. First-Year Composition [FYC] D. Finley
OR
ENG217 (#34460) TR 9:00-10:15 a.m. Personal and Exploratory Writing [L] D. Finley
AND
HUM205 (#34431) TR 10:30-11:45 a.m. Introduction to Cinema [HU] D. Finley

Business Transfer
By registering in this learning community, students will make connections across these two fields of study and explore business topics. This will put students on track to meet the general education and lower division program requirements for transfer to public universities in Arizona. Students who are certain that they will be specializing in CIS or Accounting should discuss this learning community with an academic advisor before registering.

ENG101 (#34302) TR 10:00-11:15 a.m. First-Year Composition [FYC] M. Fernandez
(Re) Writing Chemistry: Science Writing for Daily Language

This Learning Community gives students in ENG 101 and CHM 130 the opportunity to experience Chemistry through writing as well as re-defining the relationships between science, academic writing, and their daily experiences. Students will discover how various forms of writing can help them better understand and digest key concepts in Chemistry while they also experiment with ways to relay and re-image this science to a variety of audiences.

Williams Campus

Two-n-One Math – Math 122/152

This learning community is for students requiring college algebra for their major or to progress in their major. Students will be able to deepen their level of Intermediate Algebra (MAT 121/122) knowledge through concepts presented in College Algebra (MAT 151/152) within one semester. The combined course allows students to delve further, dig deeper and develop a solid fundamental understanding of algebraic functions and their applications.

Pecos Campus

Two-n-One Math – Math 122/152

This learning community is for students needing MAT152 for their major. The course will provide students the necessary concepts of Intermediate Algebra (121/122) and College Algebra (151/152) by extending the MAT121/122 material to satisfy the requirements of MAT152.

Online Learning Communities

Why Does It Matter? Research-Based Writing – ENG 102 / IFS 110

In the online ENG 102 and IFS 110 learning communities, students use digital content such as eBooks, ejournals and streaming videos to explore current issues through the lens of a global, national and local citizen.

Students in this learning community will use documentaries to further focus the class discussion and research projects on real-world issues.

ENG 102 (#34323) & IFS110 (#33451)  
T. Moser & C. Kilbridge
OR
ENG 102 (#34326) & IFS110 (#33454)  
T. Moser & B. Howe

Social Issues of the Day

What is in the news? How does it impact you and your nation? Students in this learning community use OER (open education resources) to identify and analyze current social problems and their diverse spheres.

ENG 102 (#34324) & IFS110 (#33452)  
M. Fernandez & M. Johnson
OR
ENG 102 (#34325) & IFS110 (#33453)  
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