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Renew Tucson Summit Industry Sector: Sustainable Workforce

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What's already happening… and where we're headed

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CAS Curriculum at PCC

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PCC CASP Target 2

"Ensure all learners understand the key principles of climate action and sustainability and can apply them in the field in which they are trained."



Every Class is a Climate Class

At Pima, we believe:

Climate and sustainability aren't just subjects, they are lenses for understanding the world.

Across disciplines

Across programs

Across student experiences

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Expanding Opportunities for Students

Courses now include:

GEO105 Climate Change

CAS101IN Sustainable Futures

CAS102IN Environmental Explorations

CAS110 Food, People & the Planet

CAS111 Sustainable Cities & Societies

CAS120 Systems, Logic & Sustainability

CAS290 CAS in the Community

LIT227 Literature & the Environment

(and more in development…)

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PREFIX - CAS - SUMMER/FALL 2026

SUMMER (ONLINE)

CAS101IN - 1st 8-week CRN 30712
CAS101IN - 2nd 8-week CRN 30713
CAS102IN - 1st 8-week CRN 30999
CAS102IN - 2nd 8-week CRN 30998
CAS120 - 2nd 8-week CRN 30714
GEO105 - 1st 8-week CRN 30711
GEO105 - 2nd 8-week CRN 30595

FALL (ONLINE)

CAS101IN - 16-week CRN 13007
CAS101IN - 16-week CRN 12827
CAS101IN - 2nd 8-week CRN 13422
CAS101IN - 2nd 8-week CRN 13420
CAS102IN - 16-week CRN 13419
CAS102IN - 2nd 8-week CRN 13421
CAS120 - 2nd 8-week CRN 13088
GEO105 - 16-week CRN 12828
GEO105 - 2nd 8-week CRN 13483

FALL - DOWNTOWN

CAS101IN - MW 9:45-12:25 CRN 13417

FALL - WEST

CAS101IN - TTh 9:45-11:00 CRN 13418
CAS101IN - TTh 11:15-12:25 CRN 12432
CAS110 - TTh 12:45-2:00 CRN 12433

FALL - NW

CAS101IN - TTh 2:15-3:30pm CRN 12826





FALL - EAST

GEO105 - TTh 12:45-2:00 CRN 12094

FALL - SANTA CRUZ

CAS101IN - MW 6:15-825pm CRN 13480
CAS101IN - TTh 615-825pm CRN 13481



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Learning That Looks Different

Our Approach:

- No Prerequisites
- Meet several General Education requirements
- Open to all
- Transferable
- Aimed at creating an informed populace, not necessarily geared toward "majors"



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NEW PREFIX: CAS

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In-Person & Online!

LAB SCIENCE COURSES (4-CREDIT)

CAS101IN: Sustainable Futures
CAS102IN Environmental Explorations

HUMANITIES COURSE (3-CREDIT)

LIT227: Literature & the Environment

SOCIAL-BEHAVIORAL COURSES (3-CREDIT)

CAS110: Food, People and the Planet
CAS111: Sustainable Cities & Societies
CAS120: Systems, Logic & Sustainability
GEO105: Climate Change



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Keep striving.

Learning That Looks Different

Experiential. Local. Applied.

Students are:

- Exploring Tucson ecosystems
- Conducting field-based investigations
- Engaging in community-centered projects
- Connecting learning to real-world systems

Learning beyond the classroom

Please check out the wonderful student work examples around the room!

Learning in Partnership

We collaborate with:

- Local organizations
- Schools and districts
- Regional sustainability leaders
- Community initiatives

Learning happens with the community, not just about it



Momentum & Growth

Growing student interest

- 40 students in Fall 2024 → ~300 each semester

Expanding course pathways

- 2 courses in Fall 2024 → 8 specialized courses

Strategic Impact:

- Strengthening partnerships
- Collaborating across disciplines
- Contributing to institutional sustainability

This is just the beginning

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Join Our Movement

There are many ways to engage:

- Take a course
- Partner with us
- Bring this into your work
- Stay connected

Participate in our annual survey!



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