

AP 4235 Credit by Examination/Credit for Prior Learning/Challenge

References:

NWCCU Standard 1.C.8
ORS 350.110 (Credit for Prior Learning)
ORS 350.417 (AP/1B Exam Credits)

Credit by Examination may be obtained by one of the following methods:

NOTE: Colleges should determine appropriate methods. The following are common:

- Achievement of a score of three or higher on an Advanced Placement Examination administered by the College Entrance Examination Board or a score of four or higher on the International Baccalaureate (IB) exam pursuant to ORS 350.417 and rules adopted by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission relating to the awarding of academic credit. [**NOTE:** *Requirements related to the awarding of credit for IB exams first applies to the 2021-22 academic year. See AP 4236.*]
- Achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by examination in the College Level Examination Program.
- Credit by satisfactory completion of an examination administered by the college in lieu of completion of a course listed in the college catalog.
- Achievement of an examination administered by other agencies approved by the college.
- Credits acquired by examination are not applicable to meeting of such unit load requirements as Selective Service deferment, Veteran's benefits, or Social Security benefits.

Credit by Examination – Nontraditional Credit

Advanced placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Credit for Prior Learning (CPL).

- AP, CLEP and IB exams and scores must meet the department level criteria:
 - A maximum of 12 credits may be earned in a specific subject area
 - A maximum of 24 credits may be applied toward a TVCC Certificate
 - A maximum of 45 credits may be applied toward a TVCC Degree

Credit for Prior Learning

Credit for Military Experience

Credit for military experience at TVCC is awarded according to the following guidelines:

- Military credit is awarded as recommended by the American Council of Education (ACE) guidelines;
- A maximum of 12 credits for military experience may be earned in a specific subject area;
- A maximum of 24 credits for military experience may be applied toward a TVCC certificate;
- A maximum of 45 credits for military experience may be applied toward a TVCC degree;
- A \$10 fee is charged for each credit posted on a transcript for military experience;
- College Credit Procedures/Accelerated Learning Options – IGCD-AR;
- Military credit is not graded and will not affect the GPA;
- Military exams may not be repeated for additional credit;
- Military credit is often not applicable to an academic transfer degree;
- A student must be enrolled at TVCC before military credit will be awarded.

Fee for Evaluating Fire Science/Natural Resources Nontraditional Credit

TVCC will evaluate, certify and/or award fire science/natural resources credit earned through nontraditional educational experiences. The cost for evaluating, certifying and awarding credit for these “outside-the-traditional-classroom: experiences is as follows:

- A minimum of \$25 will be charged for nontraditional educational experiences in fire science/natural resources, regardless of whether credit is awarded. The \$25 fee will cover the evaluation of up to five separate classes/experiences. Once the \$25 minimum is paid, the following fees apply:
 - For each additional evaluation, \$5 will be charged to students who have earned 15 or more fire science or natural resources credit at TVCC;
 - For each additional evaluation, \$10 will be charged to students who have earned less than 15 fire science or natural resources credits at TVCC.

Credit by Challenge

Challenge credit is earned by demonstrating proficiency in course requirements. Students who wish to challenge a class should submit a written request to the Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA). The VPAA will contact the department chair to determine if a challenge exam is allowed. Not every class is subject to challenge. The method of demonstrating proficiency, usually a comprehensive exam, is determined by the appropriate department. The following guidelines apply to challenge exams:

- A student must be currently enrolled at TVCC before challenge credit is awarded;
- Challenge exams may not be repeated for additional credit;

- Challenge credit is not granted if credit has been earned for a more advanced course;
- A maximum of 12 challenged credits may be earned in a specific area;
- A maximum of 24 credits of challenge work may be applied toward a TVCC certificate;
- A maximum of 45 challenge credits can be applied toward a TVCC certificate;
- Challenge credit is normally assigned an “S” (satisfactory grade) and will not affect the grade point average (GPA). No academic record is kept for unsuccessful challenge exams;
- Challenge credit will not affect a financial aid award;
- A \$15 fee is charged per challenge exam and a \$10 fee is charged for each credit awarded.

See also AP 4236 College Credit

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