

PRIOR LEARNING

Prior learning assessment includes a variety of types of learning obtained outside the classroom. Credit earned by prior learning assessment is not counted as hours in residence.

Advanced Placement

Colorado State University Pueblo participates in the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board. Under the program, outstanding secondary school students may take certain college-level courses in their own high schools. Students who have taken the Advanced Placement Examination and who have received scores of 3, 4, or 5 will generally be granted University credit as well as advanced placement.

CSU Pueblo credit is awarded and posted on the transcript without a grade, is counted toward graduation, and may be used to fulfill specific requirements. For more information, please contact the Registrar's Office.

Please refer to the Advanced Placement (AP) Equivalency Chart that shows the specific courses and credit to be awarded based on score(s) on the AP examination(s).

College Level Examination Program & DANTES

Credit earned by the student on selected CLEP exams will be accepted by CSU Pueblo and posted on the transcript provided the student submits an official CLEP/DANTES score report and has scored at or above established benchmarks. If a student has already earned college credit in an academic course(s) before taking CLEP/DANTES exam, the latter credit will be considered duplicate and will not be awarded. Please contact the Registrar's Office for additional information.

Please refer to the CLEP and DANTES Equivalency Charts that shows the specific courses and credit to be awarded based on score(s) on the CLEP and DANTES examination(s).

Credit by Examination (In-House General Education & Subject Area Exams)

All courses satisfying general education requirements have a test-out procedure. Students wishing to test out of a course should contact the chair of the department offering the course.

Departmental faculty shall identify any additional undergraduate courses for which students may earn credit by examination. The non-refundable fee for this process is \$75 per exam. Application forms for credit by examination are available from the Registrar's Office.

If a student is successful in challenging a course, the title of the course, credit hours and notation of credit by examination will be recorded on the student's permanent record/transcript and will be posted at the end of the term it is approved. (Unsuccessful attempts are not recorded on the transcript.) The credit hours earned by examination do NOT count in the student's load for the term or in the calculation of the student's grade point average.

A student may earn credit by examination in any of the approved courses subject to the following conditions:

- The student has not previously earned credit in the course at CSU Pueblo, has not previously failed a challenge exam for the course, or has not previously failed the course itself;
- The student has approval of the appropriate department chair (with appeal rights to the dean) to take the challenge examination;
- The student's performance on the examination is at the level of C- or better;
- The student is currently enrolled at CSU Pueblo and in good academic standing at the time the examination is administered;
- The student does not use the challenged course to satisfy the residency requirement for graduation; and
- The student satisfies any and all additional criteria as specified by the department.

Undergraduate Credit for Prior Learning

Prior learning is experienced-based learning that has been attained outside of accredited post-secondary education systems. Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) includes learning acquired from work and life experiences. It is awarded for college-level learning involving knowledge, skills, and competencies that students have obtained which is equivalent to CSU Pueblo course learning outcomes. CPL may apply towards a degree or certificate but does not fulfill the university residency requirement.

CSU Pueblo students may seek undergraduate academic credit for prior learning by first contacting the Adult & Prior Learning Assessment Office. Information about the applicability of prior learning within a specific discipline and assistance with the requirements and process for obtaining prior learning credit will be provided. A portfolio demonstrating completion of the learning outcomes and objectives of the specific course(s) in a single prefix will usually be required by the appropriate academic department chair to apply for this credit. The submitted portfolio will be assessed by the chair for applicability to obtaining credit for the course(s) up to six credit hours to which the portfolio applies. A separate portfolio must be submitted for each prefix to be evaluated, and a fee of \$75 will be assessed per portfolio submitted. This fee is non-refundable even if credit is not awarded. Portfolios approved by the academic department chair must be turned into the Registrar's Office by the last day of classes for the appropriate term to have the prior learning credit posted. Credits earned through CPL will be posted at the end of the term. Please see the academic calendar for dates.

Colorado State University Pueblo has industry agreements for specific certifications which may incur a different fee structure.

Escrow Credit

Escrow credit is a block of academic credit for previous learning or experience that does not directly transfer course-for-course.

Escrow credit is only available in specific programs. The number of credits applied (maximum of 33 credits) is determined by the program director, as defined in each program, and based upon previous coursework, certificate or licensure, and work/field experience. These credits are held in escrow and recorded when the student successfully completes all other requirements of the bachelor's program. Approved credits will be posted at the end of the term in which they were approved.

Escrow credits are exempt from the residency requirement for 30 of the last 60 semester hours to be completed at CSU Pueblo.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Colorado State University Pueblo recognizes and encourages high school students to participate in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. The University recognizes the IB program as a rigorous pre-university course of study for highly motivated secondary students. Students who successfully complete the IB program and examination(s) are eligible to receive credit and advanced placement standing at CSU Pueblo.

To receive University credit, a student must take the IB exam(s) and request that the scores be sent to CSU Pueblo Registrar's Office. Upon receipt of the scores, an evaluation for credit will be performed and the student will be notified by mail or email of the evaluation results in approximately two to four weeks.

A score of 4 or better on each exam will receive between 3-10 credits for most examinations. Students successfully completing an IB Diploma Program may be awarded a minimum of 24 semester credits. Students who have earned an IB Diploma with a score of less than 4 on any exam may be awarded less than 24 credits. Please refer to Colorado GB 03-1108 Section 1, sub section (VII) (2) (d) for additional information.

Please refer to the IB Equivalency Chart that shows the specific courses and credit to be awarded based on score(s) on the IB examination(s).

Military Credit

Military service credit is evaluated when official copies of transcripts are received. Army, Navy, and Marine personnel should submit a Joint Service Transcript (JST). Courses and occupation experience are evaluated according to the American Council on Education (ACE) Guidelines, through consultation with discipline faculty.