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Credit By Examination

Credit may be earned at WKU through the following examination programs: the Advanced Placement Program (AP), the American College Testing Program (ACT), the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and departmental examinations developed by WKU departmental faculty committees. The credit hours earned through these examinations will count toward graduation, but will not be used to compute grade point averages since a letter grade will not be given.

Although students may receive credit hours through any of these five programs, duplicate credit may not be earned. For example, a student who earns credit hours for English 100 through the AP program may not receive additional credit for English 100 on the ACT exam, on a departmental exam, or on the CLEP general or subject exams.

High school seniors should take CLEP and ACT or SAT examinations by February at the latest so that the results may be available for use in selecting courses during the March or June Academic Transition Program (ATP).

The Office of Admissions notifies students of their eligibility for credit upon receiving an application for admission and the official test score report. Students will receive the credit during the first semester of enrollment.

Advanced Placement Program (AP)

Students may earn college credit through the Advanced Placement Program of the College Board upon attaining the minimum score on the AP examination.

The Office of Admissions notifies students of their eligibility for credit upon receiving an application for admission and the official AP score report. Official scores may be obtained on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or by contacting AP Exams, PO Box 6671, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6671, telephone (888)225-5427. The following code number should be used to have scores sent to WKU: AP-1901. Students will receive the credit during the first semester of enrollment.



AP Course	Minimum Score	Credit Hours	WKU Course
<b>Art</b>			
Studio Art	3	3	Art 130 or 140
	4	6	Art 130 and 140
Art History	3	3	Art 105 or 106
	4	6	Art 105 and 106
Biology	3	3	Biology 120
Chemistry	4	5	Chemistry 120 (3) and Chemistry 121 (2)
	5	10	Chemistry 120 (3), 121 (2), 222 (3), and 223 (2)
<b>Computer Science</b>			
Computer Science A	3	4	Computer Science 180
<b>Economics</b>			
Macroeconomics	3	3	Economics 203
Microeconomics	3	3	Economics 202
<b>English</b>			
Language and Composition	3	3	English 100
	4	6	English 100 and 3 hrs. general elective
Literature and Composition	3	3	English 100
	4	6	English 100 and 200
Environmental Science	3	3	Environmental Science 280, Public Health 280, Geography 280, or Chemistry 280
<b>French</b>			
Language	3	9	French 101, 102, and 201
	4	9	French 102, 201, and 202
	5	9	French 201, 202, and 320
Literature	3	9	French 101, 102, and 201
	4	9	French 102, 201, and 202
	5	9	French 201, 202, and 314
<b>Geography</b>			
Human Geography	3	3	Geography 216
<b>German</b>			
Language	3	9	German 101, 102, and 201
	4	9	German 102, 201, and 202
	5	9	German 201, 202, and 330
<b>Government</b>			
Government and Politics-United States	3	3	Political Science 110
Government and Politics-Comparative	3	3	Political Science 260

AP Course	Minimum Score	Credit Hours	WKU Course
<b>History</b>			
European	3	3	History 120
	4	6	History 120 and 3 hours elective
United States History	3	3	Elective
	4	6	Elective
World History	3	3	History 120
	4	6	History 120 and 3 hours of lower level elective
<b>Latin</b>			
Latin Literature or Vergil Latin Literature	4	6	Religious Studies 150 & 151
<b>Math</b>			
Calculus (AB)	3	4	Math 136
	3	4	Math 136
Calculus (BC)	5	8	Math 136 and 137
	3	3	Math 183
Statistics	3	3	
<b>Music</b>			
Theory	3	3	Music 100
	4	6	Music 100 and 101
<b>Physics</b>			
Physics (B)	3	6	Physics 201 and 202
Physics (C)	4	4	Physics 255
Psychology	3	3	Psychology 100
<b>Spanish</b>			
Language	3	9	Spanish 101, 102, and 201
	4	9	Spanish 102, 201, and 202
	5	9	Spanish 201, 202, and 371
Literature	3	9	Spanish 101, 102, and 201
	4	9	Spanish 102, 201, and 202
	5	9	Spanish 201, 202, and 374



A student scoring 29 or above on the English section of the Enhanced ACT or 650 or above on the verbal section of the re-centered SAT may be awarded three credit hours for English 100. WKU does not require the written component on either exam. A student who earns credit for English 100 on the ACT or SAT may not receive additional credit for English 100. Official ACT or SAT scores should be sent by the testing company to the Office of Admissions as part of the admissions process. ACT scores may be obtained by contacting ACT Records, P.O. Box 451, Iowa City, Iowa 52243, phone (319) 337-1313, or accessing on-line information at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). The following code number should be used to have scores sent to WKU:ACT-1562. SAT score information can be obtained by calling 1-800-SAT-SCORE or on-line at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The following code number should be used to have scores sent to WKU: SAT-1901.

The Office of Admissions will notify applicants who qualify for academic credit on the basis of the ACT/SAT scores.

The CLEP examinations may be taken each month at any national testing center, including the testing center at WKU. Information about CLEP may be obtained by writing CLEP, CN 6600, Princeton, New Jersey 08540-6600, or accessing on-line information at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), or by contacting the Counseling and Testing Center, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101, (270) 745-3159. The following code number should be used to have scores sent to WKU: CLEP-1901.

Students applying to WKU should have their scores sent to the Office of Admissions. Students currently enrolled at WKU should request that their scores be sent to the Office of the Registrar. The appropriate office will then notify applicants who qualify for academic credit.

1. A student who has completed a course or has received credit by examination at WKU or at another accredited college or university may not receive credit for a CLEP examination of similar content.
2. A student may not take a CLEP examination for credit after having taken a college course at a higher level in the same department (subject matter area).
3. A student may establish credit in all courses or areas in which he/she is able to demonstrate a proficiency, provided he/she meets the University's residence requirements for graduation.
4. A student who fails to earn credit on a CLEP examination may not repeat the same examination within six months of the initial testing date.
5. A student may not repeat by proficiency testing a course which has been previously taken or failed at WKU or another accredited institution.

WKU does not require completion of the essay section of the CLEP subject examinations.

Subject Examination	Minimum Score	Credit Hours	Equivalent WKU Course
<b>Composition and Literature</b>			
American Literature	50	6	English 391 and 392
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	English 200
College Composition	50	3	English 100
College Composition Modular (no essay required)	50	3	English 100
English Literature	50	6	English 381 and 382
Humanities	50	6	3 hrs. in BI, 3 hrs. in BII
<b>Foreign Languages</b>			
College French	50	6	French 101 and 102
	56	9	French 101, 102, and 201
	59	12	French 101, 102, 201, and 202
College German	50	6	German 101 and 102
	56	9	German 101, 102, and 201
	60	12	German 101, 102, 201, and 202
College Spanish	50	6	Spanish 101 and 102
	58	9	Spanish 101, 102 and 201
	63	12	Spanish 101, 102, 201, and 202
<b>History and Social Sciences</b>			
American Government	50	3	Political Science 110
History of the United States I: Early Colonizations to 1877	50	3	History 240
History of the United States II: 1865 to the Present	50	3	History 241
Human Growth and Development	50	3	Psychology 199
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	Psychology 310
Introductory Psychology	50	3	Psychology 100
Introductory Sociology	50	3	Sociology 100
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	Economics 203
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	Economics 202
Social Sciences and History	50	6	General Education Category C*
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	3	History 119
Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present	50	3	History 120
<b>Science and Mathematics</b>			
Biology	50	3	Biology 120
Calculus	55	4	Math 136
Chemistry	50	5	Chemistry 120 and 121
College Algebra	52	3	Math 116
College Mathematics	50	6	General Education Category D-II
Natural Sciences**	50	6	General Education Category D-I
Precalculus	50	3	Math 118

Subject Examination	Minimum Score	Credit Hours	Equivalent WKU Course
<b>Business</b>			
Financial Accounting	50	3	Accounting 200
Information Systems and Computer Applications	58	3	CIS 141
Introductory Business Law	60	3	Management 301
Principles of Management	50	3	Management 210

When 6 hours of Natural Sciences credit is earned, 3 hours apply as Biological Sciences and 3 hours apply as Physical Sciences. When 6 hours of CLEP credit is used in category D-I, an additional lab must be taken to fulfill category D-I: (DL) Designated lab course.

A photograph showing a group of students sitting on a grassy lawn, listening to a professor who is standing and speaking. The professor is wearing a red shirt and khaki pants. There are trees and a building in the background. A black lamppost with a red banner that says "DWE" is visible.

Western Kentucky University recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) program completed in high school. Credit will be awarded by earning the required score in a specific subject. To receive credit the student must furnish an official IB transcript to the Office of Admissions issued directly from the New York office of the International Baccalaureate Organization. Specific information about required scores and credit may be obtained from the Office of Admissions.

Students enrolled at WKU may also receive credit on the basis of departmental examinations. A student may take a departmental examination in any course listed as satisfying a requirement in any of the categories of general education. Departments may offer departmental exams in other courses at their discretion.

A department may adopt either a standardized examination available from outside the University or develop an appropriate proficiency examination within the department by means of a faculty committee. Departmental proficiency examinations may be written, oral or both.

A student desiring to take a departmental examination must complete an appropriate request form in the Office of the Registrar. A fee of \$25 per credit hour must be paid at the time the form is submitted. The form must be submitted to the Registrar prior to the end of the third week of classes in either the fall or spring semesters. The Registrar will notify the appropriate department of the student's request. The department will administer the proficiency examination during the seventh week of classes. The student must obtain the specific time and place for testing from the department head.

After testing has been completed, the department head will notify the Registrar in writing as to whether or not the student demonstrated acceptable proficiency. If the department recommends that credit be granted, the semester hours earned will be recorded on the official transcript. However, the credit will not be used in computing the grade point average since letter grades will not be assigned.