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 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.

Credit awarded for these exams will apply toward the WKU General Education categories as indicated. For detailed information refer to the General Education section of the catalog. Credit for these exams will also apply toward the Kentucky Statewide General Education categories as indicated. The categories are: Communications (WC or OC), Arts and Humanities (AH), Social and Behavioral Sciences (SB), Natural Sciences (NS), Natural Science Lab (SL) and Quantitative Reasoning (QR).

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 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	Equivalent WKU Course	WKU GEN ED Category	Kentucky Statewide GEN ED Category
Art					
Art History	3	3	Art 105 or 106	B-II	AH
	4+	6	Art 105 and 106	B-II	AH
Studio Art – Drawing	3	3	Art 140		
Studio Art – 2D	3	3	Art 130		
	4+	6	Art 130 and 140		
Studio Art – 3D	3	3	Art 131		
Biology					
Biology	3	3	Biology 113	D-I	NS
	4	4	Biology 120 and 121	D-I, DL	NS, SL
	5	8	Biology 120, 121, 122, and 123	D-I, DL	NS, SL
Chemistry					
Chemistry	3	3	Chemistry 116 or 101	D-I, DL	NS, SL
	4	4	Chemistry 105, 106 or	D-I, DL	NS, SL
		5	Chemistry 120 (3), 121 (2)	D-I, DL	NS, SL
	5	10	Chemistry 120 (3), 121 (2), and 222 (3), and 223 (2)	D-I, DL	NS, SL
Computer Science					
Computer Science A	3	4	Computer Science 180		
Economics					
Macroeconomics	3	3	Economics 203	C	SB

AP Course	Minimum Score	Credit Hours	Equivalent WKU Course	WKU GEN ED Category	Kentucky Statewide GEN ED Category
Microeconomics	3	3	Economics 202	C	SB
English					
English Language	3	3	English 100	A-I	WC
English Literature	3	3	English 100	A-I	WC
	4+	6	English 100 and 200	A-I B-I	WC AH
Environmental Science					
Environmental Science	3	3	Agriculture 280 or Chemistry 280 or Environmental Science 280, or Geography 280 or Public Health 280	D-I	NS
Foreign Language					
Chinese Language and Culture	3	9	Chinese 101, 102, and 201	A-II	
	4	12	Chinese 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
	5	15	Chinese 101, 102, 201, 202, and 301	A-II	
French Language and Culture	3	9	French 101, 102, and 201	A-II	
	4	12	French 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
	5	15	French 101, 102, 201, 202, and 320	A-II	
German Language and Culture	3	9	German 101, 102, and 201	A-II	
	4	12	German 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
	5	15	German 101, 102, 201, 202, and 330	A-II	
Italian Language and Culture	3	9	Italian 101,102 and 3 hour Italian lower level elective	A-II	
	4	12	Italian 101, 102 and 6 hours Italian lower level electives	A-II	
	5	15	Italian 101, 102 and 6 hours Italian lower level and 3 hour Italian upper level electives	A-II	
Japanese Language and Culture	3	9	Japanese 101, 102, and 201	A-II	
	4	12	Japanese 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
	5	15	Japanese 101, 102, 201, 202, and 3 hour Japanese upper level elective	A-II	
Latin: Vergil	3	9	RELS 150 and 151, TRAN A2-L2 – 2nd level at the <u>lower division</u> level (3)	A-II	
	4	12	RELS 150 and 151, TRAN A2-L2 – 2nd level at the <u>lower division</u> level (6)	A-II	
	5	15	RELS 150 and 151, TRAN A2-L2 – 2nd level at the <u>lower division</u> level (6), TRAN A2-U – <u>upper division</u> credit (3)	A-II	
Spanish Language	3	9	Spanish 101, 102 and 201	A-II	
	4	12	Spanish 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
	5	15	Spanish 101, 102, 201, 202, and 371	A-II	
Spanish Literature	3	9	Spanish 101, 102, and 201	A-II	
	4	12	Spanish 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
	5	15	Spanish 101, 102, 202, and 374	A-II	
Geography					
Human Geography	3	3	Geography 216	C	SB

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Government					
Comparative Government and Politics	3	3	Political Science 260	C	SB
United States Government and Politics	3	3	Political Science 110	C	SB
History					
European History	3	3	History 120	C	SB
	4+	6	History 120 (3) and 3 hour elective	C	SB
United States History	3	3	History elective		
	4+	6	History electives		
World History	3	3	History 120	C	SB
	4+	6	History 120 and 3 hour elective	C	SB
Mathematics					
Calculus AB	3	4	Mathematics 119	D-II	QR
	4+	4	Mathematics 136	D-II	QR
Calculus BC	3	4	Mathematics 136	D-II	QR
	4+	8	Mathematics 136 and Mathematics 137	D-II	QR
Statistics	3	3	Mathematics 183	D-II	
Music					
Music Theory	3	3	Music 100		
	4+	6	Music 100 and 101		
Physics					
Physics B	3	3	Physics 101	D-I, DL	NS, SL
	4+	4	Physics 231 and 232	D-I, DL	NS, SL
Physics C – Mechanics	3	3	Physics 101	D-I, DL	NS, SL
	4	4	Physics 231 and 232	D-I, DL	NS, SL
	5	5	Physics 255 and 256	D-I, DL	NS, SL
Physics C – Electricity and Magnetism	3-4	4	Physics 332 and 233		
	5	5	Physics 265 and 266		
Psychology					
Psychology	3	3	Psychology 100	C	SB

ACT or SAT English Proficiency Credit

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. The following code number should be used to have scores sent to WKU: ACT-1562. SAT score information can be obtained by calling 1- 866-756-7346 or on-line at 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.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

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, 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 may register for CLEP examinations at WKU by contacting the Counseling and Testing Center or by going online to www.registerblast.com/wku.

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.

Policies
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.

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

Subject Examinations	Minimum Score	Credit Hours	Equivalent WKU Course	WKU GEN ED Category	Kentucky Statewide GEN ED Category
Composition and Literature					
American Literature	50-59	3	English 391 or 392		
American Literature	60+	6	English 391 and 392		
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50+	3	English 200	B-I	WC
College Composition	50+	3	English 100	A-I	WC
College Composition Modular	50+	3	English 100	A-I	WC
English Literature	50-59	3	English 381 or 382		
	60+	6	English 381 and 382		
Humanities	50+	6	General Education Electives	B-I (3hrs) B-II (3hrs)	AH AH
Foreign Languages					
French Language	50-55	6	French 101 and 102	A-II	
	56-59	9	French 101, 102, and 201	A-II	
	60+	12	French 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
German Language	50-55	6	German 101 and 102	A-II	
	56-59	9	German 101, 102, and 201	A-II	
	60+	12	German 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
Spanish Language	50-57	6	Spanish 101 and 102	A-II	
	58-62	9	Spanish 101, 102, and 201	A-II	
	63+	12	Spanish 101, 102, 201, and 202	A-II	
History and Social Sciences					
American Government	50+	3	Political Science 110	C	SB
History of the United States I	50+	3	History 240		
History of the United States II	50+	3	History 241		
Human Growth and Development	50+	3	Psychology 199	C	SB

Subject Examinations	Minimum Score	Credit Hours	Equivalent WKU Course	WKU GEN ED Category	Kentucky Statewide GEN ED Category
Introductory Psychology	50+	3	Psychology 100	C	SB
Introductory Sociology	50+	3	Sociology 100	C	SB
Principles of Macroeconomics	50+	3	Economics 203	C	SB
Principles of Microeconomics	50+	3	Economics 202	C	SB
Social Sciences and History*	50+	6	General Education Electives	C	SB
Western Civilization I (to 1648)	50+	3	History 119	C	SB
Western Civilization II (1648-present)	50+	3	History 120	C	SB
Science and Mathematics					
Biology	50+	3	Biology 120	D-I	NS
Calculus	50-54	4	Mathematics 136	D-II	QR
	55+	4	Mathematics 137		
Chemistry	50+	3	Chemistry 116	D-I	NS
College Algebra	50-51	3	Mathematics 116	D-II	QR
	52+	3	Mathematics 117	D-II	QR
College Mathematics	50+	3	Mathematics 109	D-II	QR
Natural Sciences	50+	3	Agriculture 280 or Chemistry 280 or Environmental Science 280 or Geography 280 or Public Health 280	D-I	NS
Precalculus	50-59	3	Mathematics 116	D-II	QR
	60+	4	Mathematics 136	D-II	QR
Business					
Financial Accounting	50+	3	Accounting 200		
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50-57	3	Elective		
	58+	3	Computer Information Systems 141		
Introductory Business Law	50+	3	Management 301		
Principles of Management	50+	3	Management 210		
Principles of Marketing	50-56	3	Elective		
	57+	3	Marketing 220		

*   Social Sciences and History CLEP credit cannot be used in lieu of History 119 or 120. Three hours are applicable to General Education Category C and 3 hours as elective credit.

International Baccalaureate

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.

Departmental Credit By Examination

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.

To be eligible to take a departmental proficiency examination, a student must be fully matriculated, in good standing, and regularly enrolled at WKU. Credits earned in this manner will be recorded on the student's official transcript but will not be considered as a part of the normal semester load in the term in which the examination is taken. A student may not register for a departmental examination for a course while he or she is enrolled in that course. A student may not take a departmental proficiency examination in a course which has been previously taken at WKU or at another accredited institution.

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.

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