

## Credit for Prior Learning Policies- University of Maryland, College Park

The law (HB 966) requires public institutions, on or before October 1, 2022, to have developed and implemented policies and procedures that accept and award credit for prior learning for specific scores on the following standardized exams.

1. A minimum score of 3 on Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, and
2. A minimum score of 50 on College-level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations.

Additionally, public institutions were required to have policies and procedures that determine the minimum required score for awarding academic credit on the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education Diploma Program examination (Cambridge) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program examination.

The law further requires that each public institution of higher education post the policies and procedures on their websites. Included here is an outline of UMD's current policies for the academic year.

**Summary:** The University of Maryland provides students with several opportunities to receive undergraduate credit for knowledge and achievements gained through prior learning/competency-based education. Students may earn up to one-half of the credits required for their baccalaureate degree through PLC. Usually, this is no more than 60 credits. No more than 30 of these credits can be from the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). Specific details, per PLC type, are listed below.

- I. Advanced Placement (AP)- Effective October 1, 2022 (applying to exams completed in May 2023 and beyond), UMD awards credit for a score of 3, 4 or 5 for each AP exam. Credits/equivalents awarded may vary by exam year, and students should consult the specific AP chart that corresponds with the year the exam was taken.
- II. College Level Examination Program (CLEP)- Effective October 1, 2022, UMD will award prior learning credit for all CLEP exams with a score of 50 or higher. Applicability restrictions may exist for some program areas. Students should consult the CLEP chart that corresponds to the time period when the exam was taken.
- III. International Baccalaureate (IB)- Effective October 1, 2022, UMD re-evaluated the IB exams to accept the exam level scores in a manner consistent with the score of 3 on the AP exam. Students should consult the IB chart that corresponds to the time period when the exam was taken.
- IV. Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)- Effective October 1, 2022, UMD re-evaluated all CIE exams to accept the exam board scores (e.g. grades) in a manner consistent with the score of 3 on the AP exam. Students should consult the Cambridge chart for additional information.