

# Frostburg State University

## Credit-by-Exam and Other Non-traditional Learning Policies

Following is a list of the types of examinations and other non-traditional learning experiences that Frostburg State University will accept for credit towards a degree. Students will receive elective or required credit depending on the content of the test or other experience evaluated. As of May 2017, the programs listed here are the only forms of non-traditional credit accepted. Participants should consult the Admissions Office (301.687.4201) or the Associate Provost (301.687.4212) for the most up-to-date information.

Source	Score or Transcript Required
Advanced Placement Program (CEEB)	3 or higher
CLEP	Minimum score varies by subject area with no score lower than 50 accepted
International Baccalaureate	4 or higher on each standard/subsidiary or higher level exam
College Courses at High School	If credit is recorded on a college transcript
Departmental Exams from Other Colleges	If credit is recorded on a college transcript
Military Credit	If equivalent to courses in FSU's curriculum
Portfolio Credit from Other Colleges	If credit is recorded on a college transcript
FSU Special Departmental Exams	See following list of tests currently available

### Credit-by-Exam Policies

In addition to earning credit at FSU or transferring course credit from other accredited institutions, you may acquire credits through examination. The examinations accepted include Advanced Placement Examinations, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate exams and special departmental examinations.

### Recording of Credits

The grade AP, CL, IB, or CE (depending on the test) will appear on your transcript to indicate that the credits were earned by examination. Credit may be earned within your major as well as in general college and elective courses. Credit by exam will not be used in computing your cumulative grade point average.

## General Limitations

1. To earn credit by examination, you must be currently enrolled at Frostburg State University as a full-time or part-time student.
  2. An examination cannot be used to remove a failure in a course completed at Frostburg or elsewhere.
  3. An examination cannot be used to remove a low grade earned in a course completed at Frostburg or elsewhere.
  4. An examination may not be repeated or retaken in order to earn a higher score.
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## Advanced Placement Examinations

Advanced Placement Examinations are available through the College Entrance Examination Board of the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey 08540; [www.collegeboard.org/ap](http://www.collegeboard.org/ap).

You may receive credit by examination for grades of 3, 4 or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement Examinations.

## Procedures

1. Make arrangements to take the Advanced Placement Examination at the appropriate time. Pay the examination fee to the appropriate agency.
2. Your official score must be sent directly by the testing agency to the Associate Provost. After you enroll at the University, you must request that your score be evaluated, and, if the score is high enough for credit to be given, reported to the Registrar's Office.
3. The credit will be recorded on your transcript without charge.

Following is the list of Advanced Placement Tests evaluated. Tests without course equivalency/credit listed may be accepted, but are not yet evaluated. Minimum score required is 3, unless otherwise noted.

Title of Exam	Score	FSU Course Equivalent	Credit Hrs.
Art History	3 or 4	ART 100 Art Appreciation	3
	5	ART 111 Honors: Art Appreciation	3
Biology	3 or higher	BIOL 149 General Biology I	4
Calculus AB	3	MATH 120 Pre-Calculus Mathematics	3
	4 or 5	MATH 236 Calculus I	4
Calculus BC	3	MATH 236 Calculus I	4
	4 or 5	MATH 236 Calculus I <i>and</i> MATH 237 Calculus II	8
Cambridge Capstone Seminar	3 or 4	IDIS 150 First-Year FSU Colloquium	3
	5	IDIS 151 Honors: First-Year FSU Colloquium	3

Cambridge A Level Global Perspectives and Research	3 or 4	IDIS 150 First-Year FSU Colloquium <i>and</i> IDIS 195 Interdisciplinary Elective	6
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Chemistry	3 or 4	CHEM 201 General Chemistry I	4
	5	CHEM 201 General Chemistry I <i>and</i> CHEM 202 General Chemistry II	8
Computer Science A	3 or 4	COSC 195 Computer Science Elective	3
	5	COSC 240 Computer Science I	4
Computer Science Principles	3	COSC 195 Computer Science Elective	3
	4 or 5	COSC 101 The Discipline of Computer Science	3
Economics: Macro	3 or 4	ECON 201 Principles of Economics (Macro)	3
	5	ECON 211 Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Economics: Micro	3 or 4	ECON 202 Principles of Economics (Micro)	3
	5	ECON 212 Principles of Microeconomics	3
English Language and Composition	3 or 4	ENGL 101 First-Year Composition	3
	5	ENGL 111 Honors: First-Year Composition	3
English Literature and Composition	3	ENGL 101 First-Year Composition	3
	4	ENGL 101 First-Year Composition <i>and</i> ENGL 150 Introduction to Literature	6
	5	ENGL 111 Honors: First-Year Composition <i>and</i> ENGL 250 Honors: Comparative Literature	6
Environmental Science	3 or higher	IDIS 160 Science, Technology and Society	3
European History	3 or higher	HIST 195 History Elective	3
French Language	3 or higher	FREN 101 Basic Elements of French I <i>and</i> FREN 102 Basic Elements of French II	6
French Literature	3 or higher	FREN 195 French Elective	3
German Language	3 or higher	MDFL 195 Foreign Language Elective	3
Government and Politics: Comparative	3 or higher	POSC 131 Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
Government and Politics: US	3 or 4	POSC 110 Introduction to American Politics	3
	5	POSC 112 Honors: Introduction to American Politics	3

Human Geography	3 or 4	GEOG 104 Human Geography	3
	5	GEOG 114 Honors: Human Geography	3
International English Language / APIEL	-	<i>Not Accepted</i>	
Latin Literature		<i>Evaluated at student request</i>	
Latin: Vergil		<i>Evaluated at student request</i>	
Music Theory	3 or higher	MUSC 102 Tonal Analysis I MUSC 104 Aural Skills I	3
	3 or higher on aural subscore		1
Physics 1	3	PHSC 100 Cosmic Concepts <i>and</i> PHSC 101 Measurement	4
	4 or 5	PHYS 215 General Physics I	4
Physics 2	3	PHSC 100 Cosmic Concepts <i>and</i> PHSC 101 Measurement	4
	4 or 5	PHYS 216 General Physics II	4
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3	PHSC 100 Cosmic Concepts <i>and</i> PHSC 101 Measurement	4
	4 or 5	PHYS 262 Principles of Physics II: Electricity and Magnetism	4
Physics C: Mechanics	3	PHSC 100 Cosmic Concepts <i>and</i> PHSC 101 Measurement	4
	4 or 5	PHYS 261 Principles of Physics I: Mechanics	4
Psychology	3 or 4	PSYC 150 General Psychology	3
	5	PSYC 151 Honors: General Psychology	3
Spanish Language	3 or higher	SPAN 101 Basic Elements of Spanish I <i>and</i> SPAN 102 Basic Elements of Spanish II	6
Spanish Literature	3 or higher	SPAN 195 Spanish Elective	3
Statistics	3 or 4	MATH 109 Elements of Applied Probability and Statistics	3
	5	MATH 110 Honors: Elements of Applied Probability and Statistics	3
Studio Art: Drawing	3 or higher	ART 212 Drawing	3
Studio Art: 2D Design	3 or higher	ART 104 Two-Dimensional Design	3
Studio Art: 3D Design	3 or higher	ART 105 Three-Dimensional Design	3
US History	3 or higher	HIST 103 History of the United States to 1876 <i>and</i> HIST 104 History of the United States, 1876 to the Present	6

## College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

CLEP is administered by the College Entrance Examination Board. See the address in the Advanced Placement section, or consult <http://www.collegeboard.org/clep>.

The examinations consist of college-level general and subject examinations designed to measure knowledge acquired through means other than college course work. The examinations stress understanding, the ability to perceive relationships, and a grasp of basic principles and concepts. General examinations are designed to measure general learning, often referred to as general education. Subject examinations are designed to measure achievement in the area of specific course or subject.

### Procedures

Procedures are identical with those noted above for Advanced Placement Examinations.

Following is the list of College Level Examination Program exams currently evaluated. Tests without course equivalency/credit listed may be accepted, but are not yet evaluated. Minimum score required is 50, unless otherwise noted.

Title of Exam	FSU Course Equivalent	Credit Hrs.
<b>General</b>		
College Composition	ENGL 101 First-Year Composition	3
	<i>Score of 70 or higher:</i> ENGL 111 Honors: First-Year Composition	3
Humanities	HUMA 195 Humanities Elective	6
Mathematics	MATH 195 Mathematics Elective	6
Natural Sciences	SCIE 195 Natural Science Elective	6
Social Sciences & History	SOSC 195 Social Science Elective	6
<b>Composition and Literature</b>		
American Literature	ENGL 261 Literature of the United States: Pre-Colonial to Present	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	ENGL 150 Introduction to Literature	3
	<i>Score of 70 or higher:</i> ENGL 250 Honors: Comparative Literature	3

English Literature	ENGL 260 British Literature: Beowulf to Present	3
College Composition Modular	ENGL 101 First-Year Composition	3
	<i>Score of 70 or higher:</i>	
	ENGL 250 Honors: Comparative Literature	3

### Foreign Languages

College Level French	<i>Level I: Score of 50 minimum:</i>	
	FREN 101 Basic Elements of French I	
	FREN 102 Basic Elements of French II	3
	<i>Level II: Score of 59 minimum:</i>	3
	FREN 101 Basic Elements of French I	
	FREN 102 Basic Elements of French II	
	FREN 211 French Grammar, Composition, and Conversation I	
	FREN 212 French Grammar, Composition, and Conversation II	3

College-Level German      Evaluated at student request

College-Level Spanish	<i>Level I: Score of 50 minimum:</i>	
	SPAN 101 Basic Elements of Spanish I	
	SPAN 102 Basic Elements of Spanish II	3
	<i>Level II: Score of 63 minimum:</i>	3
	SPAN 101 Basic Elements of Spanish I	
	SPAN 102 Basic Elements of Spanish II	
	SPAN 211 Spanish Grammar, Composition, and Conversation I	
	SPAN 212 Spanish Grammar, Composition, and Conversation II	3

### Social Sciences and History

American Government	POSC 110 Introduction to American Politics	3
	<i>Score of 70 or higher:</i>	
	POSC 112 Honors: Introduction to American Politics	3

History of the US I: Early Colonization to 1877      HIST 103 History of the United States to 1876      3

History of the US II: 1865 to the Present	HIST 104 History of the United States, 1876 to the Present	3
Human Growth & Development	<i>Score of 55 minimum required:</i> PSYC 208 Introduction to Lifespan Development	3
Introduction to Educational Psychology	EDUC 202 Foundations of Learning and Instruction	3
Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 150 General Psychology	3
	<i>Score of 70 or higher:</i> PSYC 151 Honors: General Psychology	3
Introduction to Sociology	SOCI 100 Introduction to Sociology	3
	<i>Score of 70 or higher:</i> SOCI 111 Honors: Introduction to Sociology	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 201 Principles of Economics (Macro)	3
	<i>Score of 70 or higher:</i> ECON 211 Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 202 Principles of Economics (Micro)	3
	<i>Score of 70 or higher:</i> ECON 212 Honors: Principles of Microeconomics	3
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	HIST 195 History Elective	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	HIST 195 History Elective	3
<b>Science and Mathematics</b>		
Calculus with Elementary Functions	MATH 236 Calculus I	4
College Algebra	MATH 119 College Algebra	3
College Algebra-Trigonometry	MATH 120 Pre-Calculus Mathematics	3
College Mathematics	MATH 195 Mathematics Elective	3
General Biology	BIOL 149 General Biology I	4

General Chemistry	CHEM 201 General Chemistry I	4
<b>Business</b>		
Information Systems and Computer Applications	Evaluated at student request	
Introductory Business Law	BLAW 291 Legal Environment of Business	3
Principles of Accounting	ACCT 211 Financial Accounting	3
Principles of Management	MGMT 251 Management of Organizations	3
Principles of Marketing	MKTG 261 Principles of Marketing	3

## International Baccalaureate Programme

The International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) is a rigorous two-year curriculum offered in select secondary schools throughout the world. In order to receive college credit for IB, you must sit for the examination in each subject of study and ask IB to send an official transcript to FSU's Associate Provost. Contact International Baccalaureate North America: toll free 1.866.826.4262; Fax 604.733.8970; [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).

Following is the list of International Baccalaureate evaluated. Exams without course equivalency/credit listed may be accepted, but are not yet evaluated. Minimum score required is 4 on the Standard or Higher Level exam, unless otherwise noted.

Title of Exam	FSU Course Equivalent	Credit Hrs.	
Language A1	<i>Score of 4 or 5 (Standard):</i> ENGL 101 First-Year Composition	3	
	<i>Score of 6 or 7 (Standard):</i> ENGL 111 Honors: First-Year Composition	3	
	ENGL 250 Honors: Comparative Literature	3	
	<i>Score of 4 (Higher Level):</i> ENGL 101 First-Year Composition	3	
	<i>Score of 5 (Higher Level):</i> ENGL 101 First-Year Composition	3	
	ENGL 150 Introduction to Literature	3	
	<i>Score of 6 or 7 (Higher Level):</i> ENGL 111 Honors: First-Year Composition	3	
	ENGL 250 Honors: Comparative Literature	3	
	Language A2	<i>Syllabus review required.</i> <i>Contact Department of English and Foreign Languages.</i>	

Language B (French)	<i>Score of 4 (Standard):</i> FREN 101 Basic Elements of French I	3
	<i>Score of 5, 6 or 7 (Standard):</i> FREN 101 Basic Elements of French I	3
	FREN 102 Basic Elements of French II	3
Language B (Spanish)	<i>Score of 4 (Standard):</i> SPAN 101 Basic Elements of Spanish I	3
	<i>Score of 5, 6 or 7 (Standard):</i> SPAN 101 Basic Elements of Spanish I	3
	SPAN 102 Basic Elements of Spanish II	3
	<i>Score of 4 or higher (Higher Level):</i> SPAN 101 Basic Elements of Spanish I	3
	SPAN 102 Basic Elements of Spanish II	3
Language B (Other Languages)	<i>Syllabus review required.</i> <i>Contact Department of English and Foreign Languages.</i>	
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Business & Management	BUAD 100 Introduction to Business	3
Economics	<i>Score of 4 or 5:</i> ECON 200 Basic Economics	3
	<i>Score of 6 or 7:</i> ECON 211 Honors: Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Geography	<i>Score of 4 or 5:</i> GEOG 104 Human Geography	3
	<i>Score of 6 or 7:</i> GEOG 114 Honors: Human Geography	3
History	<i>Score of 4 or 5:</i> HIST 100 Contemporary World in the Historical Perspective	3
	<i>Score of 6 or 7:</i> HIST 111 Honors: Contemporary World in the Historical Perspective	3
Special Topics in History	<i>Syllabus review required.</i> <i>Contact Department of History</i>	
Information Technology in a Global Society	COSC 100 Introduction to Computer Science	3

Philosophy	<i>Score of 4 or higher (Standard):</i> PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy	3	
	<i>Score of 4 or 5 (Higher Level):</i> PHIL 101 Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 195 Philosophy Elective	3 3	
	<i>Score of 6 or 7 (Higher Level):</i> PHIL 111 Honors: Introduction to Philosophy PHIL 195 Philosophy Elective	3 3	
	Psychology	<i>Score of 4 or 5:</i> PSYC 150 General Psychology	3
		<i>Score of 6 or 7:</i> PSYC 151 Honors: General Psychology	3
	Social and Cultural Anthropology	SOCI 224 Cultural Anthropology	3
	Biology	BIOL 149 General Biology I	4
	Chemistry	<i>Score of 4 or 5:</i> CHEM 201 General Chemistry I	4
		<i>Score of 6 or 7:</i> CHEM 201 General Chemistry I CHEM 202 General Chemistry II	4 4
Design Technology		PHYS 195 Physics Elective	3
Environmental Systems	IDIS 160 Science, Technology and Society	3	
Physics	<i>Score of 4 or 5 (Higher Level):</i> PHYS 215 General Physics I	3	
	<i>Score of 6 or 7 (Higher Level):</i> PHYS 215 General Physics I PHYS 216 General Physics II	3 3	
	Further Mathematics	<i>Score of 4 (Standard):</i> MATH 236 Calculus I	4
<i>Score of 5, 6 or 7:</i> MATH 236 Calculus I and at least one additional course from MATH 237 or MATH 380 (Syllabus review required. Contact Department of Mathematics.)		4 3-4	
Mathematics Higher Level		<i>Score of 4:</i> MATH 120 Pre-Calculus Mathematics	3
	<i>Score of 5, 6 or 7:</i> MATH 120 Pre-Calculus Mathematics		

and at least one additional course from MATH 236, MATH 237 or MATH 380  
*(Syllabus review required. Contact Department of Mathematics.)* 3-4

Mathematics Methods	<i>Score of 4 (Standard):</i> MATH 119 College Algebra	3
	<i>Score of 5, 6 or 7 (Standard):</i> MATH 120 Pre-Calculus Mathematics	3
	<i>Score of 4 (Higher Level):</i> MATH 120 Pre-Calculus Mathematics	3
	<i>Score of 5, 6 or 7 (Higher Level):</i> MATH 236 Calculus I	4
Mathematical Studies	<i>Score of 4 (Standard):</i> MATH 104 Introduction to Mathematical Problem Solving	3
	<i>Score of 5, 6 or 7 (Standard):</i> MATH 104 Introduction to Mathematical Problem Solving and possibly one additional course from MATH 109, MATH 119 or MATH 120 <i>(Syllabus review required. Contact Department of Mathematics.)</i>	3
Computer Science	<i>Score of 4 or 5:</i> COSC 100 Introduction to Computer Science	3
	<i>Score of 6 or 7:</i> COSC 110 Honors: Introduction to Computer Science	3
Visual Arts	<i>Score of 4 or 5:</i> ART 100 Art Appreciation	3
	<i>Score of 6 or 7:</i> ART 111 Honors: Art Appreciation	3
Music	MUSC 195 Music Elective	3
Theatre Arts	THEA 195 Theatre Elective	3

## Special Departmental Examinations

After paying a \$25 testing fee for each departmental exam, you may take a special examination in place of any course for which credit by examination has been established. If you pass the examination, the course will be waived, and you may receive credit for it by paying an additional processing fee. The department determines passing standards, as well as eligibility standards, if applicable. Students

currently or formerly enrolled in a course are ineligible to take a special departmental exam to exempt from the same course.

## Procedures

1. Request permission from the Department Chair to be evaluated for credit in a particular course.
2. Pay a \$25 administrative testing fee at the University & Student Billing Office.
3. The Department Chair assigns an appropriate faculty member to evaluate you. In some cases, the department offers the exam on a regularly scheduled basis. See the list that follows.
4. The faculty member evaluates your work according to quantitative and qualitative standards previously established by the department – for example, by an oral or written examination or by performance.
5. If the faculty member's evaluation reveals that your achievement is equal or superior to that of a student passing the course in a traditional way, the department will report the grade of CE to the Registrar's Office on the form for granting course approval to students.
6. Pay a processing fee of \$10 per credit hour to get the credit recorded on your transcript.
7. You may take such exams only once.

Below are listed special departmental examinations currently offered on campus. Students who believe they qualify for credit by exam must take the examination prior to signing up for the course. See the current Undergraduate Registration Guide for specific test dates or contact the department offering the exam for specific information.

<b>Course</b>	<b>Credit Earned</b>
ACCT 211 Financial Accounting	3
ACCT 212 Managerial Accounting	3
ACCT 311 Intermediate Accounting I	3
BIOL 109 Human Biology & the Environment	4
BIOL 149 General Biology I	4
BMIS 320 Advanced Computer Applications in Business	3
COSC 100 Intro. to Computer Science	3
COSC 101 The Discipline of Computer Science	3
COSC 240 Computer Science I	4
COSC 350 Low-Level Programming Concepts	3
ENGL 101 First-Year Composition	3
ENGL 308 Soc. Science Adv. Comp	3
ENGL 310 General Adv. Comp	3
GEOG 103 Physical Geography	4
GEOG 104 Human Geography	3
GEOG 207 Physical Geology and Geomorphology	4
GEOG 208 Earth System History	4
GEOG 275 Fundamentals of Geographic Data Handling	3
HEED 100 Personal Wellness	2
MATH 104 Intro. to Math Problem-Solving	3
MATH 109 Elements of Probability & Statistics	3

MATH 118 Applied Mathematics for Business	3
MATH 119 College Algebra	3
MATH 120 Pre-Calculus Math	3
MATH 220 Calculus for Applications I	3
MATH 236 Calculus I	4
MUSC 100 Introduction to Music Theory	2
MUSC 102 Tonal Analysis I	3
MUSC 104 Aural Musicianship I	2
PHSC 203 Physical Science	4
SOWK 375 Human Behavior & the Social Environment I	3

You may also receive credit by accelerated placement in foreign languages by passing a higher-level course with a grade of C or better. You must pay a fee of \$10 per credit. Accelerated placement credit is available in: FREN 101, 102, 211, 212, 250; SPAN 101, 102, 211, 212, 250 (3 credits per course).

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