

Assessment of Documentation, Portfolio, or Credentials

Students who have achieved elsewhere an equivalent knowledge, understanding and experience to that required by regular college courses may receive units of credit based on successful completion of a comprehensive assessment of documentation, credentials, or an assessment designed and approved by the College discipline faculty. A student may petition for courses available for prior learning assessment publicly listed on the College website.

Credit-by-Examination (Individual Student Application)

Students who have achieved elsewhere an equivalent knowledge, understanding and experience to that required by regular college courses may receive units of credit based on successful completion of a comprehensive and searching course examination approved by the College discipline faculty. Students may apply individually for Credit-by-Examination for any course offered in the Catalog. In addition, the Credit-by-Examination process may also be used to provide credit for completion of certain coursework at the high school level, where deemed appropriate by the majority of faculty in the discipline. (See the section on “High School/ ROP/Adult School Articulation” in this Catalog).

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Las Positas College grants academic credit for successful completion of examinations of the College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) Program. Credit awarded based on passing AP scores of 3 or higher may be applied differently for the AA/AS degree and for transfer; therefore, students are advised to consult with a counselor for information on how their AP scores will be applied based on their educational goals. Courses deemed equivalent to AP exams as determined by LPC faculty (see chart) may be used to clear pre-requisites as appropriate – see a counselor for details. Students may not receive duplicate credit for AP exams and the equivalent courses taken at the college.

The Advanced Placement Exams (AP) chart displays how credit is awarded for the following:

- Las Positas College AA/AS degree – Las Positas College AA/AS General Education pattern area and units, elective units, and course equivalency.
- CSU General Education-Breadth pattern area and units toward CSU transfer admission.
- IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) – GE pattern area for CSU and/or UC and units toward CSU and UC transfer admission.

In order to receive academic credit toward the AA/AS degree and/ or CSU GE Breadth/IGETC certification for AP exams, students must submit the official AP score report from the College Board. to the Admissions and Records Office and request the score report to be scanned into their student records. The scanning request may be initiated by meeting with an academic counselor. In cases where the AP exams are not listed on the AP Chart or do not earn credit, students may petition the academic discipline for consideration of credit.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations

Las Positas College grants academic credit for successful completion of examinations of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. Credit awarded based on passing IB scores may be applied differently for the AA/AS degree and for transfer; therefore, students are advised to consult with a counselor for information on how their IB scores will be applied based on their educational goals. Students may not receive duplicate credit for IB exams and the equivalent courses taken at the college.

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations chart displays how credit is awarded for the following:

- Las Positas College AA/AS degree – Las Positas College AA/AS General Education pattern area and units, and elective units.
- CSU General Education-Breadth pattern area and units toward CSU transfer admission.
- IGETC (Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum) – GE pattern area for CSU and/or UC and units toward CSU and UC transfer admission.

In order to receive academic credit toward the AA/AS degree and/ or CSU GE Breadth/IGETC certification for IB exams, students must submit the official IB score report to the Admissions and Records Office and request the score report to be scanned into their student records. The scanning request may be initiated by meeting with an academic counselor. In cases where the IB exams are not listed on the IB Chart or do not earn credit, students may petition the academic discipline for consideration of credit.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Las Positas College grants academic credit for successful completion of examinations of the College Board’s College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). Credit awarded based on passing CLEP scores may be applied differently for the AA/AS degree and for transfer; therefore, students are advised to consult with a counselor for information on how their CLEP scores will be applied based on their educational goals. Students may not receive duplicate credit for CLEP exams and the equivalent courses taken at the college.

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) chart displays how credit is awarded for the following:

- Las Positas College AA/AS degree – Las Positas College AA/AS General Education pattern area and units, and elective units.
- CSU General Education-Breadth pattern area and units toward CSU transfer admission.

In order to receive academic credit toward the AA/AS degree and/ or CSU GE Breadth certification for CLEP exams, students must submit the official CLEP score report from the College Board to the Admissions and Records Office and request the score report to be scanned into their student records. The scanning request may be initiated by meeting with an academic counselor. In cases where the CLEP exams are not listed on the CLEP Chart or do not earn credit, students may petition the academic discipline for consideration of credit.