

Credit by Examination

Reference: Title 5, Section 55050

To be eligible for credit by examination, a student:

1. Must have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours of credit at Palo Verde College, must be currently registered, and in good standing. PVC will not require Tech Prep approved students to meet 12-unit residency requirement prior to posting these units.
2. Must file a petition to challenge a course by examination. Forms may be obtained in the Office of Admissions and Records in Student Services.
3. Must furnish proof of background, experience or training to ensure a reasonable measure of success.
4. Must pay the current enrollment fee for each unit of credit taken by examination, plus a service fee (see the current fee schedule).

If the petition is approved, the examination or series of tests shall be administered by the appropriate Professor. Whether the student passes or fails the test, the course, with the units and grades assigned, shall be entered on the student's academic record. The academic record shall be clearly annotated to reflect that the credit was earned by examination. A student who fails the examinations shall not be permitted to repeat it. A maximum of 12 units may be earned through credit by examination.

Units for which credit is given by examination shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence which is required for an Associate degree. Credits acquired by examination are not applicable to meeting of such unit load requirements as Selective Service deferment, Veteran's or Social Security benefits.

Only those courses listed in the current catalog may be approved for credit by examination and only for the amount of credit listed. Ordinarily, no activity, performance, skill or laboratory course may be approved.

Credit for Advanced Placement

Palo Verde College grants credit for scores of 3 or higher on examinations of the Advanced Placement program of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB). Official transcripts sent directly from the CEEB to the Admissions and Records Office is required. Credits may apply toward requirements for PVC degrees and for transfer programs to both the California State University and University of California systems. CSU and UC determine what courses and credits are awarded on their campus. AP Foreign Language credit may prevent you from earning credits in a lower level foreign language course. Please see a counselor for additional information.

A grade of AP credit will be assigned on the transcript. The units earned from the AP credit will not apply toward financial aid nor can they be used to satisfy the 12-unit residence requirement for graduation. To determine how AP credit may be transferred to a four-year college/university, please check with the receiving institution.

Partial Credit

Upon student request, a Professor may give a student a per unit grade based on the amount of course work the Professor feels the student has successfully completed by the end of the semester. Because of limited course selections and transfer implications, students must obtain approval from the Vice President of Instruction or the Superintendent/President.

See also BP 4220 - Standards of Scholarship

(Formerly a part of PVC Board Policies 6250 and 6310)

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