



Policies and Responsibilities

Through several methods, above-average students may earn academic credit for college-level learning by taking an examination in the appropriate area. The following points are the student's responsibility and should be noted.

- Credit granted can be used to satisfy specific, general or elective degree requirements, as determined by the academic dean.
- Credit by examination is not assigned a letter grade and is not counted toward special recognition or honors.
- It is the responsibility of the student to discuss pending AP, CLEP, IB or SAT II (foreign language only) results with their academic advisor prior to registration. Duplicate credit is not allowed for credit by examination and classwork.
- Credit by examination will not be granted in a lower-level course once credit has been awarded by classwork or exam in a more advanced course.
- Credit by examination must be documented by an official score report from the examining agency. It will not be taken from another college or university transcript.
- Currently enrolled TCU students should obtain prior approval from their academic dean before taking CLEP examinations.
- Credit by examination may be awarded only in the first 66 semester hours of college credit.
- Credit may not be earned by examination in any course previously failed, audited or taken for noncredit at TCU.
- Credit for departmental examinations awarded by other institutions will not transfer to TCU.

College Board Advanced Placement Program (AP)

The Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board was created in cooperation with college and high school staffs and faculties. The examination reflects the material generally agreed upon to be appropriate for introductory course work at the college level. A large number of high schools offer courses designed around the course descriptions created by the joint committees. These courses are designated "AP" by the high schools.

- The examinations are given in May at test centers throughout the world, generally at high schools.
- Guidance counselors and college placement officers in high schools have booklets describing the examinations and procedures for applying before April 1.
- Scores are reported to the student, their high schools, and to any colleges or universities the student requests. List TCU (*code number 6820*) to receive scores, usually in late July.
- Scores range from a low of 1 to a high of 5.
- To receive credit, students must meet the score requirements noted on the chart below. Application of credits to degree requirements will be determined by academic deans.

AP Subject	Score	TCU Equivalent*	Credit
Art			
Drawing	3	10103	3 sem. hrs.
General Portfolio	3	10123	3 sem. hrs.
Art History			
	3	10043	3 sem. hrs.
Biology			
	3	10003	3 sem. hrs.‡
	4	10504	4 sem. hrs.‡
	5	10504, 10514	8 sem. hrs.‡
Chemistry			
	3	10163	3 sem. hrs.
	4 or 5	10113, 10123, 10122	8 sem. hrs.
Computer Science A or AB			
	3	10403	3 sem. hrs.
Economics			
Macroeconomics	3	10233	3 sem. hrs.
Microeconomics	3	10223	3 sem. hrs.

‡ *Biology and pre-health students should contact the Biology Department for guidelines regarding Biology 10504/10514 for majors.*

AP Subject	Score	TCU Equivalent*	Credit
English			
Language and Composition	3	10803	3 sem hrs.
Language and Composition	4 or 5	10803, 20803	6 sem hrs.
Literature and Composition	3	10803	3 sem hrs.
Literature and Composition	4 or 5	10803,10103	6 sem. hrs.
History			
American History	4 or 5	10603, 10613	6 sem. hrs.
European History	4 or 5	10013	3 sem. hrs.
Mathematics			
Calculus AB	3,4 or 5	10524	4 sem. hrs.
Calculus BC	3 or 4	10524	4 sem. hrs.
" "	5	10524, 20524	8 sem. hrs.
Statistics	3, 4, or 5	10043	3 sem. hrs.
Modern Languages			
French, German, Latin	3	10153, 10163	6 sem. hrs.
" " "	4	10153, 10163, 20053	9 sem. hrs.
" " "	5	10153, 10163, 20053, 20063	12 sem. hrs.
Spanish	3	10103, 10203	6 sem. hrs.
"	4	10103, 10203, 20103	9 sem. hrs.
"	5	10103, 10203, 20103, 20203	12 sem. hrs.
Music			
Music Theory	4 or 5	10201, 10203	4 sem. hrs.
<i>(additional advanced placement may be granted at the discretion of the Department of Music)</i>			
Physics <i>(credit awarded is "non lab" and does not satisfy the lab science requirement in the UCR)</i>			
B	3	10153	3 sem. hrs.
B	4 or 5	10153, 10163	6 sem. hrs.
C-Mechanical	3, 4 or 5	20473	3 sem. hrs.
C-Electricity & Magnetism	3,4 or 5	20483	3 sem. hrs.
Political Science			
American Government	3, 4 or 5	General UCR **	3 sem. hrs.
Comparative Government and Politics	3, 4 or 5	General UCR **	3 sem. hrs.
Psychology	4 or 5	10213	3 sem. hrs.

* Refer to the current TCU Undergraduate Studies Bulletin at <http://catalog.tcu.edu> for course descriptions.

** General UCR equivalents listed do not directly correspond to specific course numbers at TCU, but are still accepted for credit.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The College-Level Examination Program for the College Board of Educational Testing Services provides examinations to measure achievement in specific college-level courses. TCU is a national test center administering exams on the second and third Mondays of every month. For more information or to register to take a CLEP test, contact the TCU Counseling and Testing Center, (817) 257-7863.

- Currently enrolled TCU students should obtain prior approval from their academic dean before taking CLEP examinations.
- CLEP results from another national test center may be sent to TCU: *code number is 6820.*
- Foreign language credit by examination is second-year credit (20000) level.
- TCU grants credit for the examinations listed to the right.
- A maximum of 3 semester hours will be awarded by the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) in the area of English Composition.
- The current cost of each examination at TCU is \$65 (\$50 payable to CLEP and \$15 payable to TCU).
- Refer to the TCU Undergraduate Studies Bulletin at <http://catalog.tcu.edu> for course descriptions.

Special Notes on CLEP Tests

- A score of 55 or more will earn the course credit listed to the right. "General UCR" or "Elective" equivalents listed do not directly correspond to specific course numbers at TCU, but are still accepted for credit.
- If a score of 55 or higher is earned on the multiple choice section of the Freshman College Composition exam, the essay portion of the exam will be read by TCU's Composition Committee. With the approval of the committee, credit will be granted.
- Biology and pre-health students should contact the Biology Department for guidelines regarding Biology 10504/10514 for majors.

CLEP Subject	Score	TCU Equivalent	Credit
American Government	55	General UCR	3 sem. hrs.
American History			
History of the United States I	55	10603	3 sem. hrs.
History of the United States II	55	10613	3 sem. hrs.
Biology			
Biology	55	10003	3 sem. hrs. ‡
"	65	10504	4 sem. hrs. ‡
Chemistry			
Chemistry	55	10163	3 sem. hrs.
"	65	10113, 10123, 10122	8 sem. hrs.
Economics			
Principles of Macroeconomics	55	10233	3 sem. hrs.
Principles of Microeconomics	55	10223	3 sem. hrs.
English (with essay)			
English Composition or			
Freshman College Composition	55	10803	3 sem. hrs.
Humanities			
	55	Elective	6 sem. hrs.
Introductory Psychology	65	10213	3 sem. hrs.
Introductory Sociology	55	20213	3 sem. hrs.
Mathematics			
College Algebra	55	General UCR	3 sem. hrs.
College Mathematics	55	Elective	3 sem. hrs.
Trigonometry	55	10052	2 sem. hrs.
Calculus	55	10524	4 sem. hrs.
"	65	10524, 20524	8 sem. hrs.
Modern Languages			
French <i>or</i> German Language	50	10153, 10163	6 sem. hrs.
French Language	62	10153, 10163, 20053, 20063	12 sem. hrs.
German Language	63	10153, 10163, 20053, 20063	12 sem. hrs.
Spanish Language	50	10103, 10203	6 sem. hrs.
Spanish Language	66	10103, 10203, 20103, 20203	12 sem. hrs.
Natural Sciences	55	Elective	6 sem. hrs.
Social Sciences and History	55	Elective	6 sem. hrs.
Western Civilization I	55	10003	3 sem. hrs.
Western Civilization II	55	10013	3 sem. hrs.

Foreign Language

- Credit by exam will not be awarded after enrollment in language courses at the 30000 level or higher.
- Credit in foreign language may be obtained by taking the SAT II exam, the AP exam (p.3), or the CLEP exam (p.5).
- Students will receive 6 hours of second year language credit for the following languages by presenting the necessary scores on the SAT II as indicated:

Chinese	630	Italian	630
French	640	Japanese	620
German	630	Latin	630
Hebrew	540	Spanish	630

Placement: Scores between 500 and the scores listed above on the SAT II test allow placement without credit in second year language courses on a trial basis.

Credit by Portfolio Assessment

Devised primarily for the experienced professional, “Credit by Portfolio Assessment” is available in some, but not all academic fields at TCU. Limited credit may be granted for a portfolio demonstrating learning gained through college-level life experience.

The portfolio is assessed by TCU faculty. Details of this program are available from the Office of Extended Education, (817) 257-7130.

Advanced Standing Examinations in Nursing

Prospective students who have had previous nursing education and nursing experience, the necessary prerequisite course credits and the required cumulative grade point average may be eligible to take advanced standing examinations in nursing.

Registered nurses from associate degree and diploma programs may be granted credit on the basis of examination. All advanced standing examinations in nursing may include both written and performance components. Credit by portfolio assessment is also available.

Licensed vocational nurses with extensive clinical experience may also qualify for credit by examination for lower level course work.

The cost is the same per semester hour for theory and practicum courses. The courses and credit hours for both credit by examination and portfolio assessment are limited.

Prospective students are requested to write or contact the Director of Harris School of Nursing to discuss their programs and their eligibility status for advanced standing examinations.

International Baccalaureate Examinations

TCU recognizes the academic strength of the IB program. Advance credit may be granted for each Higher Level exam with a score of 5 or better.

Additional information is available from the TCU Office of Admission, TCU Box 297013, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.

Other International Examinations and Certificates

Credit may also be granted for national examinations or certificates of education, depending on the type of exam or certificate, type of subjects and marks achieved. Examples of such exams and certificates are: the British General Certificate of Education (GCE) "A" level exam and other British-based exams, the French Baccalaureate exam, and the German Abitur exam.

Details may be obtained from the Office of International Admission, TCU Box 297013, Fort Worth, Texas 76129.

Conference Examinations in Music

Upon the recommendation of the School of Music, credit may be given for the following courses as specified below. The fee is \$10 per semester hour.

Music 10201, 10211

Students with an extensive background in aural and oral skills are encouraged to apply through the School of Music to take an examination assessing their ability in these areas. This examination may lead to advanced standing.

Music 10203, 10213

Students with formal training in general music literacy, including the writing of four-part harmony, are encouraged to apply through the School of Music for an individual conference and examination. This examination may lead to advanced standing.

Audition Examinations in Ballet and Modern Dance

Entering students majoring in dance are frequently qualified by the quality, intensity and level of pre-college and/or professional instruction and experience to enter the dance program at the sophomore or junior level in technique and/or repertory courses.

Those dance majors with prior training comparable to TCU studio courses may apply for an audition to receive advanced placement credit. Those students wishing advanced standing in repertory must demonstrate through a placement class and/or a portfolio or other means of documentation that they have done professional training and performance comparable to the course content offered at TCU.

Courses for which credit may be permitted are:

In technique courses:

Ballet 10103, 10113, 20103, 20113	3-12 sem. hrs.
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Modern 10203, 10213, 20203, 20213	3-12 sem. hrs.
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In repertory and performance courses:

Ballet 10322, Modern 10442	2-4 sem. hrs.
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Ballet 30162, 30182, 40192	2-6 sem. hrs.
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Modern 30242, 30262, 40272	2-6 sem. hrs.
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Upon recommendation of the Department of Ballet and Modern Dance, credit may be granted for the above courses: the fee is \$10 per semester hour.