

# CREDITS BY EXAMINATION

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Bethel University recognizes that students may have acquired knowledge outside the traditional classroom. As a result, options for earning credit exist through the following means.

A maximum of 40 credits in prior learning can be applied toward an undergraduate degree program. Students must still complete the residency requirements for their degree program. See the residency requirement policy for specific information.

## Prior Learning: Credits by Examination - Undergraduate

Bethel distinctives, program-determined residency requirements, capstone courses and 400 level courses; these requirements cannot be met through ACE-recommended PLA credit.

1. Credit may be awarded to a student who receives a qualifying score on:
  - a. **Advanced Placement Examination (AP)** A minimum score of 3 is required in order for the exam to replace most Bethel requirements. A score of 4 or higher is required by some departments or programs. The Office of the Registrar (<https://www.bethel.edu/registrar/>) maintains information about AP exams and General Education requirements. Students should consult departments for information about AP courses that may be used to fulfill requirements in the major. Click on link (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/arts-sciences/general-information/transfer-credits-bethel/ap-clep-ib/#apequivalenciestext>) for equivalency to Bethel Courses
  - b. **College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)** General Examination or a Subject Examination. Click link (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/arts-sciences/general-information/transfer-credits-bethel/ap-clep-ib/#clepequivalenciestext>) for score details
  - c. **International Baccalaureate (IB) Exam** Bethel awards 3 credits for Standard Level Examinations with a score of 5 or higher. A student with a score of 4 or higher on a Higher Level Examination is awarded 6 credits. Consult the Office of the Registrar for details. Click link (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/arts-sciences/general-information/transfer-credits-bethel/ap-clep-ib/#ibequivalenciestext>) for score details
  - d. **DANTES Subject Standardized Test** (<https://www.military.com/education/timesaving-programs/dantes-college-credit-by-examination-program.html>) (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support), which is equivalent to a college course. Consult the Office of the Registrar for details.
2. Exemption from certain first-level courses may be granted on the basis of an adequate score on special placement examinations devised by the respective departments.
3. Students who complete high school outside the U.S. may be eligible to receive credit for some first-year courses.

Print Version: AP Equivalencies (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academic-affairs/files/ap-equivalencies-2025-2026.pdf>)

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