

Credit by Examination

Credit by exam, sometimes referred to as a “challenge,” is a method to get credit for a specific course, by proving you already understand ~~that~~ the information contained in that course ~~is already understood~~. To qualify for credit by exam, you ~~students~~ must be currently enrolled in courses at Bakersfield College.

~~For some subjects, credit may be obtained by taking an exam called a College Level Examination Program (CLEP). A list of the courses for which CLEP tests are approved is available in the Bakersfield College website (insert link), Office of Admissions and Records, the Bakersfield College catalog, and the Testing Center. Department-administered exams will not be used to award credit in a specific course when a CLEP exam exists. Credit may also be awarded through for high school students who take an examination called the Advanced Placement Program (AP)..~~

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~~You~~ Students may receive “credit by exam” by ~~passing a department-administered exam or by~~ producing work that equals the coursework that is normally completed in a specific course. Faculty in the department where the course exists must assess the student's work and assign a letter grade. ~~You~~ Students ~~can~~ should email Admissions and Records at BCrecords@kccd.edu for the Credit by Exam form or attain the form in person in the Admissions and Record office located in the Welcome Center building.

~~Your responsibilities include~~ Students are responsible for:

- Working with the specific department to receive credit by exam.
- Obtaining a Credit by Exam Form from the Office of Admissions and Records.
- Taking the completed Credit by Exam Form to Admissions and Records.

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Policy

Credit by examination may be granted to a student enrolled at Bakersfield College subject to the following qualifications:

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- The student must be in good standing and enrolled in at least one graded class.
- Units for which credit is given pursuant to this section's provisions shall not be counted in determining the twelve (12) semester hours of credit in residence required for an **A**ssociate **D**egree.
- The student may challenge courses in which evidence of competence can be presented.
- The course must be listed in the **current** catalog.
- A maximum number of units granted for a course cannot exceed the number of units listed for the course in the **current** catalog.
- Courses attempted by examination with units and grades will be entered on the **student's** permanent records of the student and will be annotated to reflect that credit was earned by examination.
- A maximum of 30 units of credit by examination may be applied **to**ward the Associate **D**egree.
- Units earned by examination are not considered a part of the student's study load. Therefore, these units cannot be used for reports to Selective Service, Social Security, Veterans Administration, and similar agencies. Neither **can** these units be considered in checking eligibility for athletics or student offices.
- The nature and content of the examination shall be determined solely by faculty in the discipline who normally teach the course for which credit is to be granted in accordance with procedures approved by the curriculum committee. The faculty shall determine that the examination adequately measures mastery of the course content as set forth in the outline of the record.
- An examination shall be conducted for each course for which credit is to be granted. Credit may be awarded for prior experience or prior learning only in the individually identified courses for which examinations are conducted.
- Grading shall be according to the regular grading system, approved by the Board of Trustees.

Bakersfield The College cannot guarantee ~~assure~~ that other educational institutions will similarly treat credits awarded for credit by examination.

Please allow a semester to review the credit by exam material and post the course into your Bakersfield College transcript.

