

- portfolio development
- standardized examinations (AP, CIE, CLEP, DLPT, DSST, IB)

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for Prior Learning Assessment a student must have an AWC application on file and be actively seeking a certificate or degree. Before meeting with the faculty, a student must first meet with an Advisor to establish a Program of Study. Credit for Prior Learning is only available for courses which are in the student's current Program of Study. The faculty will advise students of the Prior Learning Assessment options and help them select which assessment option is best.

How is credit awarded?

Prior learning credit may be granted for major course requirements, departmental requirements, or general elective credit. Program requirements should be reviewed to determine how Prior Learning Assessment credits will apply toward graduation.

After successful completion of a portfolio or proficiency exam, the appropriate course credit will be posted to the student's transcript. A credit grade (CR) will be awarded for proficiency exams and a numeric grade will be assigned for portfolios evaluated at a 2.0 or better grade level.

When are Prior Learning Assessment credits posted to a transcript?

Prior Learning Assessment credits will be posted in the semester and year the Prior Learning Assessment is awarded.

How much Prior Learning Assessment credit can be applied toward a certificate or degree?

Students may be allowed up to 30 prior learning credits toward an associate degree and up to 15 prior learning credits for a certificate. Students must complete 15 credit hours at registered classes at AWC to be awarded an associate degree.

Are Prior Learning Assessment credits transferrable?

The credits awarded are granted toward an AWC degree. AWC does not guarantee the credits awarded through the Prior Learning Assessment method will transfer to other institutions. All institutions reserve the right to review credits to determine how awarded credits apply at their own institution.

Certifications (local, state, national)

Students who have completed a professional certification or training program may be eligible for course credit. Law enforcement academies, allied health certifications, and massage therapy are a few examples of professional certifications or training programs that may be translate to equiv-

alent coursework in that discipline. These credits may not transfer to another educational institution.

Challenging AWC Courses

Students have the opportunity in some Arizona Western College courses to earn credit by completing a comprehensive examination. Students cannot receive credit for a course that is equivalent to or lower than that in which they are currently enrolled or for which they have already received credit. Students may not apply to challenge a course a second time.

Military Experience

"A Guide to the Evaluation of Education Experience in the Armed Services," is the basis for evaluating the training and experiences in military service. When applicable, credit earned may be used for degree credit as equivalent courses in the major or as general electives up to the maximum number of credits prescribed by the specific program requirements. Credit accepted from such sources may not apply for graduation in specific majors or degree programs. These credits may not transfer to another educational institution. Refer to page 8 for more details on Joint Service Transcript transfer policies.

Portfolio Development

Portfolio Development courses are designed for students who have acquired and applied knowledge in a specific discipline that is equivalent to college coursework and/or have documented evidence of non-traditional learning. Students pursuing a Portfolio Development course should possess an ability to analyze their experiences and demonstrate mastery of college-level writing skills. These credits may not transfer to another educational institution.

Standardized Examinations (AP/CIE/CLEP/DLPT/DSST/IB)

Standardized Examinations allow students the opportunity to complete an examination and at the same time, earn college credit for equivalent courses.

Advanced Placement (AP)

These exams are administered by the College Board in high schools each year during the month of May and are designed to test competencies in specific lower division college subject areas. High school students may request the opportunity, through their high school counselor's office, to pursue college credit by examination in one or more subject areas. Arizona Western College credit will be awarded in those subjects for which an equivalency has been established. If an AP subject is not included in this catalog, contact the office of the Vice President for Learning Services at (928) 344-7519.

For this service, please send official scores directly to Arizona Western College.

AP Services

Box 6671
Princeton, NJ 08541-6671
(212) 713-8066

AP Exam Equivalents

General Education Category	Score	AWC Equivalent(s)
2D Art and Design	4	ART 101
3D Art and Design	4 or 5	ART 102
Art History	3	ARH 141 or ARH 142
Art History	4 or 5	ARH 141 & ARH 142
Biology	4 or 5	BIO 181 & BIO 182
Biology	3	BIO 100
Calculus AB	3, 4, or 5	MAT 220
Calculus BC	4 or 5	MAT 220 & MAT 230

Students who receive an AB sub-score on this exam will have that sub-score apply as the Calculus AB score.

Calculus BC	3	MAT 220
Chemistry	4	CHM 151
Chemistry	5	CHM 151 & CHM 152
Comparative Govt. & Politics	4 or 5	POS 140
Computer Science A	4 or 5	CIS 220
Drawing	4 or 5	ART 111
English Language & Comp	4 or 5	ENG 101 or dept elec. (3)
English Literature & Comp	4 or 5	ENG 101 or dept elec. (3)
Environmental Science	4 or 5	ENV 101
European History	4 or 5	HIS 240 & HIS 241
French Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	FRE 101 & FRE 102 & FRE 201 & FRE 202
German Language and Culture	3, 4, or 5	GER 101 & GER 102 & GER 201 & GER 202
Govt. & Politics (US)	4 or 5	POS 110
Human Geography	4 or 5	GEO 102
Macroeconomics	4 or 5	ECN 240
Microeconomics	4 or 5	ECN 250
Music Theory	4 or 5	MUS 111 & MUS 112 & MUS 191 & MUS 192
Music Theory	3	MUS 111 & MUS 191
Physics 1	4 or 5	PHY 111
Physics 2	4 or 5	PHY 112
Physics C Elect/Magnetism	3, 4, or 5	PHY 112
Physics C Mechanics	3, 4, or 5	PHY 111
Precalculus	3, 4, or 5	MAT 187
Psychology	4 or 5	PSY 101
Research	3, 4, or 5	Elective (3)
Seminar	3, 4, or 5	Elective (3)
Spanish Language	3, 4, or 5	SPA 101 & SPA 102

& SPA 201 & SPA 202

Spanish Literature and Culture	3, 4, or 5	SPA 201 & 202
Statistics	3, 4, or 5	MAT 270
US Government & Politics	4 or 5	POS 110
US History	4 or 5	HIS 121 & HIS 122
World History	4 or 5	HIS 111

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Cambridge International Examination (CIE)

These exams are administered by Cambridge schools each year during the months of November and June and are designed to test competencies in specific lower division college subject areas. High school students should contact their Cambridge school and/or exam officer to pursue one of the following exams.

CIE Equivalents

General Education Category	Score	AWC Equivalent(s)
Accounting -AS Level	D or Higher	Elective (3)
Accounting -AS Level	E	Elective (3)
Accounting -A Level	D or Higher	Elective (6)
Accounting -A Level	E	Elective (6)
Art & Design -AS Level	D or Higher	ART 111
Art & Design -AS Level	E	ART 111
Art & Design -A Level	D or Higher	ART 101
Art & Design -A Level	E	ART 101
Biology -AS Level	D	BIO 100 or dept elec. (4)
Biology -AS Level	E	BIO 100
Biology -A Level	D	BIO 181 & BIO 182
Biology -A Level	E	BIO 181
Business -AS Level	D or Higher	Elective (3)
Business -AS Level	E	Elective (3)
Business -A Level	D	Elective (6)
Business -A Level	E	Elective (6)
Chemistry -AS Level	D	CHM 130
Chemistry -A Level	A	CHM 151 & CHM 152
Chemistry -A Level	B	CHM 151
Chemistry -A Level	C	CHM 151
Chemistry -A Level	D	CHM 130
Chemistry -A Level	E	CHM 130
Economics -A Level	D	ECN 240 & ECN 250
English Language -A Level	D or E	ENG elective (3)
English Literature -A Level	D or E	ENG elective (3)
Geography -AS Level	C or Higher	Elective (3)
Geography -A Level	C or Higher	Elective (6)

Information Technology- AS Level D or Higher	Elective (3)
Information Technology- AS Level E	Elective (3)
Information Technology- A Level D or Higher	Elective (3)
Information Technology- A Level E	Elective (3)
Marine Science -A Level D	BIO elective (4)
Mathematics -A Level E or Higher	MAT 150 or MAT 151
Mathematics -AS Level E or Higher	MAT 150 or MAT 151
Mathematics -Further A Level E or Higher	MAT 220 & MAT 230 & MAT 270

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Many exams are available under this program for those who wish to earn college credit by examination.

Students planning to transfer to a university must request an additional official score report to be sent by CLEP. An official transcript (score report) can be obtained by writing to:

CLEP transcripts

Box 6600

Princeton, NJ 08541-6600

1 (800) 257-9558

FAX (609) 771-7088

media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/clep/clep-transcript-request-form.pdf

CLEP Course Exam Equivalents

General Education Category	Score	
American Government	50	POS 110
American Literature	55	Elective (3)
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	ENG Dept Elective (3)
Business Law, Intro	50	BUA 230
Biology	50	BIO Dept Elective (3)
Calculus	50	MAT 220
Chemistry	50	CHM 151
College Algebra	50	MAT 151
College Composition	50	ENG 101 or Elective (3)
College Composition	60	ENG 101 or Elective (3)
English Literature	55	Elective (3)
Financial Accounting	50	Elective (3)
Financial Accounting	60	Elective (3)
French Language	50	FRE 101
French Language	55	FRE 101 & FRE 102
French Language	62	FRE 101 & FRE 102 & FRE 201
French Language	66	FRE 101 & FRE 102 & FRE 201 & FRE 202

German Language	39	GER 101
German Language	46	GER 101 & GER 102
German Language	51	GER 101 & GER 102 & GER 201
German Language	60	GER 101 & GER 102 & GER 201 & GER 202
History of the US I: Early Col.-1877	56	HIS 121
History of the US II: 1865–Present	56	HIS 122
Human Growth & Development	50	FAS 238 or PSY 238
Humanities	50	Arts Elective (3) & Humanities (3)
Information Systems	50	Elective (3)
Introductory Business Law	50	BUA 230
Introductory Psychology	50	PSY 101
Intro to Educational Psychology	50	Elective (3)
Introductory Sociology	50	SOC 101
Natural Sciences	53	Elective (3)
Natural Sciences	56	Elective (6)
Precalculus	50	MAT 187
Prncp. of Macroeconomics	50	ECN 240
Prncp. of Microeconomics	50	ECN 250
Principles of Management	50	MGT Dept Elective (3)
Principles of Marketing	50	MKT 110
Social Sciences & History*	56	Soc. Sci. Elective (3)
Spanish with Writing **	50	SPA 101 & SPA 102
Spanish with Writing**	55	SPA 101 & SPA 102
Spanish with Writing**	60	SPA 101 & SPA 102 & SPA 201
Spanish with Writing**	66	SPA 101 & SPA 102 & SPA 201 & SPA 202
Spanish with Writing**	68	SPA 101 & SPA 102 & SPA 201 & SPA 202
Western Civilization I (Ancient Near East–1648)	56	HIS 240
Western Civilization II (1648–present)	56	HIS 241

**Students should take these tests before they enroll in other related discipline courses to ensure against duplication of credit.*

*** If you are transferring the CLEP exam credit to Arizona Western College the only CLEP allowed for Spanish credit is Spanish with Writing*

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Defense Language Institute Transcript (DLPT)

Arizona Western College does not award credit for foreign language courses taken through the Defense Language Institute.

DSST Exams

Students who have successfully completed DSST Exams may be eligible to receive credit by examination for appropriate Arizona Western College courses. *DSST transcripts must be sent directly to AWC.*

Prometric

ATTN: DSST Transcript Request

1260 Energy Lane

St. Paul, MN 55108

getcollegedcredit.com/images/uploads/documents/DSST_Transcript_Order_Form.pdf

DSST Exam Equivalents

General Education Category	Score	AWC Equivalent(s)
Art of the Western World	400	ARH 141 or 142
Business Mathematics	400	BUA 110
Computing and Information Technology	400	CIS 120
Criminal Justice	400	AJS 101
Environmental Science	400	Elective (3)
Fundamentals of College Algebra	400	MAT 121
Fundamentals of Counseling	400	PSY Elective (3)
Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	400	Elective (3)
General Anthropology	400	ANT 100
Intro to Law Enforcement	400	AJS 230
Introduction to Business	400	BUA 100
Introduction to Geography	400	GEO 102
Lifespan Develop. Psychology	400	FAS 238 or PSY 238
Management Information Systems	400	CIS elect (3)
Organizational Behavior	400	Elective (3)
Principles of Public Speaking	400	**SPC 215
Principles of Statistics	400	MAT 270 or PSY 230
Principles of Supervision	400	MGT 250
Technical Writing	400	Elective (3)

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****SPC 215:** to receive credit equivalency for this course, students must also contact the department to arrange for an impromptu speech in person or through the use of technology.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

International students who have taken any of the IB exams may submit their test scores for evaluation of AWC course equivalencies. Questions about IB exams may be directed to:

Americas Global Centre

7501 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200 West

Bethesda, Maryland 20814

USA

(301) 202-3000

Fax: (301) 202-3003

Email: iba@ibo.org

IB Exam Equivalents

General Education Category	Score	AWC Equivalent(s)
Biology HL	5, 6, or 7	BIO 181 & BIO 182
Biology HL	4	BIO 100
Biology SL	5, 6, or 7	BIO 100
Biology SL	4	BIO Dept elective (3)
Business and Management HL	5, 6, or 7	Elective (3)
Business and Management SL	5, 6, or 7	Elective (3)
Chemistry HL	5, 6, or 7	CHM 151 & CHM 152
Chemistry HL	4	CHM 151
Computer Science HL	5, 6, or 7	CIS 220
Economics HL	5, 6, or 7	ECN 240 & ECN 250
English A	5, 6, or 7	ENG 101 or Elective (3)
French B HL	4	FRE 101
French B HL	5	FRE 101 & FRE 102
French B HL	6	FRE 101 & FRE 102 & FRE 201
French B HL	7	FRE 101 & FRE 102 & FRE 201 & FRE 202
Geography HL	5, 6, or 7	GEO 102 (3)
Geography SL	4 or higher	Dept Elective (3)
German B HL	4	GER 101
German B HL	5	GER 101 & GER 102
German B HL	6	GER 101 & GER 102 & GER 201
German B HL	7	GER 101 & GER 102 & GER 201 & GER 202
History, Americas HL	5, 6, or 7	HIS 121 & HIS 122
History, Americas HL	4	HIS 121
History, Europe HL	5, 6, or 7	HIS 240 & HIS 241
History, Europe HL	4	HIS 240
History- SL	5, 6, or 7	Dept. Elective (3)
Information Technology in a Global Society SL	5 or higher	Elective (3)

Language A: Lang & Lit HL	5	ENG 101	Visual Arts HL	5, 6, or 7	ART 101 & ART 111
Language A: Lang & Lit HL	6	ENG 101	Visual Arts HL	4	ART 101
Language A: Literature HL	5 or higher	ENG 101	Visual Arts- SL	5, 6, or 7	ART 111 & ART 101
Mathematics HL	5, 6, or 7	MAT 220	Visual Arts- SL	4	ART 111
Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches HL	5, 6, or 7	MAT 220	World Religions	5, 6, or 7	Elective (3)
Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches SL	5, 6, or 7	MAT 142			
Mathematics: Applications & Interp HL	5, 6, or 7	MAT 142			
Music HL	5, 6, or 7	MUS 111 & MUS 112 & MUS 191 & MUS 192			
Physics-HL	5	PHY 111			
Physics-HL	6 or 7	PHY 111 & PHY 112			
Physics-SL	6 or 7	PHY 111			
Psychology-HL	5	PSY 101			
Psychology-HL	6 or Higher	PSY 101			
Psychology-SL	4	Elective (3)			
Psychology-SL	5, 6, or 7	Elective (3)			
Spanish B-HL	7	SPA 101, SPA 102, SPA 201, SPA 202			
Spanish B-HL	6	SPA 101, SPA 102, SPA 201			
Spanish B-HL	5	SPA 101 & SPA 102			
Spanish B-HL	4	SPA 101			

PLACEMENT TESTING

AWC Professors and Advisors highly recommend incoming students complete a Guided Self-Placement questionnaire which can be found on the Testing Services webpage, www.azwestern.edu/testing, for guided self-placement into AWC's Math and English courses. Upon completing the Guided Self-Placement questionnaire students will be presented with professors' recommendations for Math and English courses in which students are most likely to be successful.

Incoming high school students may also use their high school GPA, ACT, SAT or GED scores to help guide their self-placement. Refer to the Guided Course Placement chart on the Testing Services webpage.

If a student will be enrolling in a program which requires an ACCUPLACER placement test, please refer to the program's specific requirements for entry and schedule a placement exam by going to <https://www.registerblast.com/azwestern/Exam/List>.

Accuplacer testing for active Military or Veteran students must be scheduled through the Military & Veteran Services Office by calling (928) 344-7622/(928) 317-7605 or by emailing veteran.services@azwestern.edu

Contact the Testing Services office at (928) 344-7641 or email testing@azwestern.edu for additional information on placement tests. For more information visit the Testing Services website at www.azwestern.edu/testing.

Note: Being exempt from taking a placement test does not exempt the student from fulfilling the minimum graduation requirements.