



**VALIDATED COLLEGE LEVEL LEARNING:
EARNING COLLEGE CREDITS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**

DISCLAIMER:

This guide is current as of August 2024. Eastern University reserves the right to change its policies without previous notice. Always consult with your advisor to determine the best academic course for you.

This guide will provide you with an understanding of validated college level learning and how you may earn credit for learning that does not take place in the classroom.

VALIDATED COLLEGE LEVEL LEARNING

Many students have knowledge gained through prior schooling, training, volunteering, or at-work experience. This prior learning can sometimes be worth college credit, whether it is from formal college coursework, standardized exams, and/or through an evaluation process.

Validated college level learning is not awarded for the experience itself, but for college level learning. In other words, the work you've done must be able to be evaluated, and it generally must have both theoretical and practical components. Depending on your experience, you may be able to demonstrate the knowledge you've obtained through means such as prior coursework, standardized exams, published evaluations, and recommendations by the university faculty. This guide will assist you in picking what method might be the best route for you. That being said, not every experience will be eligible for credit.

Eastern University will accept a maximum of 60 semester credit hours from any combination of Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Excelsior College Examinations, and validated college-level learning including American Council on Education (ACE) recommended credit for military and non-collegiate training programs and licensures. Validated college level learning cannot be used toward the 32-credit residency requirement of Eastern University.

Every student and his/her past experience are different. As always, before taking action, you should talk to your advisor to ensure that this is the right path for you. Determination of the application of transfer credits is made by the Office of the Registrar.

WAYS TO EARN CREDIT FOR VALIDATED COLLEGE LEVEL LEARNING

Just like every student is different, there are several different ways to earn credit:

- Prior coursework
- Standardized tests
- Published evaluations
- Recommendation by the university faculty

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

You can transfer in coursework from institutionally accredited and endorsed CHEA- colleges and universities. In this case, you would simply need to have the official transcript sent directly from the original institution directly to Eastern University-Office of the Registrar. Generally speaking, you need at least a “C” or better in a college level course to earn credit. Eastern University also awards credit from some institutions that are not regionally accredited. Details about Eastern University’s transfer policy are available in your college catalog.

You can earn credit through standardized exams. Standardized exams include Advanced Placement, DSST, and College Level Examination Program (CLEP). These exams cover a variety of subjects. To be awarded credit, you must earn a passing score and have the official transcript sent to Eastern University- Office of the Registrar.

Additionally, some validated college level learning may have recommendations from the American Council of Education (ACE) and/or the faculty of Eastern University. ACE evaluates workplace learning, including military experience, and provides recommendations for academic credit.

You may earn credit for your licenses. The faculty of Eastern University has previously evaluated some common licenses (such as real estate and insurance) that meet the criteria for academic credit. If you have completed this work, you may be eligible for credit. In order to earn credit, you must submit the official license (it will be returned to you) or other official verification as appropriate, and it must meet the criteria of the evaluation.

ACCEPTED EXAMS

Eastern University follows the recommendation of the American Council of Education for examinations including Advanced Placement, CLEP, and DAN TES. For your reference, the recommendations and required scores are included in the following section

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

Exam Title	Required Score	Possible Credits
Art History	3	6
Biology	3	8
Calculus AB	3	3
Calculus BC	3	6
Chemistry	3 4 5	4 4 8
Chinese Language and Culture	3 4 5	6 9 12
Computer Science A	3	3
Computer Science AB	3	6
English Language and Composition	3	6
English Literature and Composition	3	6
Environmental Science	3	4
European History	4	3
French Language	3 4 5	6 9 12
French Literature	3	6
German Language	3 4 5	6 9 12
Government and Politics: U.S.	3	3
Government and Politics: Comparative	3	3
Human Geography	3	3
World History	4	3

Exam Title	Required Score	Possible Credits
Italian Language and Culture	3 4 5	6 9 12
Japanese Language and Culture	3 4 5	6 9 12
Latin: Literature	3 4 5	6 9 12
Latin: Vergil	3	6
Macroeconomics	3	3
Microeconomics	3	3
Music Theory	3	6
Physics B	3	8
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	3	4
Physics C: Mechanics	3	4
Physics 1: Algebra-Based	3	4
Physics 2: Algebra-Based	3	4
Psychology	3	3
Spanish Language	3 4 5	6 9 12
Spanish Literature	3	6
Statistics	3	3
Studio Art: 2-D Design	3	3
Studio Art: 3-D Design	3	6
Studio Art: Drawing	3	6
United States History	4	3

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Exam Title	Needed Score	Possible Credits
Financial Accounting	50	3
Information Systems	50	3
Introductory Business Law	50	3
Principles of Management	50	3
Principles of Marketing	50	3
American Literature	50	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3
College Composition	50	6
College Comp Modular	No credit	No credit
English Literature	50	3
Humanities	50	3
American Government	50	3
History of the United States I	50	3
History of the United States II	50	3
Human Growth and Development	50	3
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3
Introductory Psychology	50	3
Introductory Sociology	50	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3

Exam Title	Needed Score	Possible Credits
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3
Social Sciences and History	50	6
Western Civilization I	50	3
Western Civilization II	50	3
Biology	50	8
Calculus	50	3
Chemistry	50	4
College Algebra	50	3
College Mathematics	50	6
Natural Sciences	50	6
Precalculus	50	3
French Language (level 1)	50	6
French Language (level 1 & 2)	59	9
German Language (level 1)	50	6
German Language (level 1 & 2)	60	9
Spanish Language (level 1)	50	6
Spanish Language (level 1 & 2)	63	9

International Baccalaureate (IB) Subject Exams

Exam Title	Needed Score	Possible Credits
ANTHROPOLOGY	5	3
ART	5	to be determined
BIOLOGY SL	5	4
BIOLOGY HL	5	8
BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT	5	3
CHEMISTRY SL	5	4
CHEMISTRY HL	5	8
ECONOMICS	5	6
ENGLISH	5	6
ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS	5	3
GEOGRAPHY	5	3
HISTORY of AMERICAS	5	6
HISTORY of EUROPE	5	6
MATHEMATICS	5	3
MATHEMATICS Higher Level	5	6
MUSIC	5	to be determined
PHILOSOPHY	5	3
PHYSICS SL	5	4
PHYSICS	5	8
PSYCHOLOGY	5	3
THEATER	5	to be determined
APPLIED CHEMISTRY	5	to be determined
ART/DESIGN	5	to be determined
COMPUTER SCIENCE	5	to be determined
FOREIGN LANGUAGE	5	6

PREVIOUSLY EVALUATED COLLEGE LEVEL LEARNING

In some cases, Eastern University's faculty has determined a credit recommendation for prior learning. If you have already earned any of the certificates below, you will want to submit the appropriate paperwork for evaluation. If you're interested in pursuing one of these certificates, talk to your advisor before signing up to ensure that credits can be awarded in your situation.

Child Development Associate:

CDA-Up to 9 credits, contingent on degree sought and prior credits earned

Computer Certificates:

Cisco CNA - 2 professional electives

Cisco CCNP - 10 professional electives

Cisco CCIE – 12 professional electives

*Please note that a total of **12** credits can be awarded from Cisco

Microsoft MCSA – 6 professional electives

Microsoft MCSE – 12 professional electives

*Please note that a maximum of **12** will be awarded from Microsoft for MCSA/MCSE

Firefighter Training:

Firefighter I – 3 professional electives

Firefighter II – 3 professional electives

Health Certificates:

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Basic - 1 credit

American Red Cross Lifeguard Training Instructor - 1 credit

American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor - 2 credits

American Red Cross First Aid Lay Responder – 1 credit

American Red Cross Emergency Response-Up to 2 credits

American Red Cross/American Heart Association Standard First Aid - 0.5 credit

American Red Cross/American Heart Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) - 0.5 credit

American Red Cross/American Heart Advanced First Aid - 1 credit

American Red Cross/American Heart Advanced First Aid Instructor - 1 credit

American Red Cross/American Heart HIV/AIDS Instructor - 1 credit

American Red Cross/American Heart Basic Life Support Instructor - 1 credit

American Red Cross/American Heart Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) Instructor - 1 credit

American Red Cross/American Heart Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Provider Certification - 1 credit

American Red Cross/American Heart Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) Instructor - 1 credit

Emergency Medical Technician - 4 credits

Emergency Medical Technician Instructor - 4.5 credits

Emergency Medical Technician, Paramedic I - 5 credits

Insurance:

PA General Insurance or Brokers for Property & Casualty - 8 credits

PA OR NJ Life Insurance Producer - 6 credits

Life and Annuity - 2 credits

Health and Accident - 1 credit

Nursing:

Licensed Practical Nurse (Transcript needed) - 3 credits

PECO Energy Training:

SDA - 12 credits

SDI - 6 credits

Police Training:

Basic Training for Municipal and State Police (PA, NY, NJ, DE) - 16 credits

Real Estate (may not duplicate coursework):

Sales License - 3 credits

Brokers License - 6 credits (maximum of 6 for both)

Polley Associates - 1 credit for each of 2 courses, not to duplicate licenses

Real Estate Appraisal - Training at Real Estate Appraisal Institute which qualifies for MAI designation - 5 credits

Securities:

Series 7 - 6 credits

Series 6 **and** 63 (must have both) - 3 credits (not to duplicate a college course in Investment Management)**Youth with a Mission (YWAM):**

Discipleship Training School – up to 20 credits (official transcript must come from University of the Nations)

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

Official transcripts (including exam results) should be sent from the originating institution to:

Eastern University

ATTN: Office of the Registrar

1300 Eagle Road

St. Davids, PA 19087

To submit a license or other appropriate documentation, you may send the original either to your advisor or to the Registrar's Office. An authorized Eastern University representative will authenticate a "true copy" of the original certificate or license to be held as a credential in your file. The original will be returned to you.