



Undergraduate Education  
Transfer Student Academic Support

### **CREDIT-BY-EXAM GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines reflect University and/or State policies and procedures as they pertain to credit-by-exam equivalencies. *Transfer Student Academic Support* coordinates credit-by-exam equivalencies applicable to the University Core Curriculum (UCC), as well as facilitates the awarding of credit for those exams that do not have direct course equivalencies. (Refer to the credit-by-exam equivalency tables on this website.)

- A maximum of 45 credits may be awarded for all exams combined (e.g., A-Level, AP, CLEP, IB, other).
- Credit awarded may not duplicate other credit. If duplicate credit exists among exams, then the exam yielding the most credit and/or higher-level course will be awarded. If duplicate credit exists because of completion of the same course at another institution or at FIU, then the credit-by-exam will not be used.
- Students admitted in the Fall or Spring term must complete these exams prior to enrollment. Official scores must be reported to FIU before the end of the first term of enrollment. CLEP exams may be taken while the student is enrolled.
- Students admitted in the Summer Term must complete these exams prior to enrollment. Official scores must be reported to FIU before the end of the Fall term. CLEP exams may be taken while the student is enrolled.
- Students with older scores (prior to November, 2001) will be awarded credit based on either the new minimum scores and course equivalencies, or the University's policy in effect when the student took the exams. Award will depend on each exam.
- Course equivalencies are included in the student's academic record, including the official and unofficial transcript and the Student Academic Support System (SASS) report (academic audit).
- There are no grades associated with these exams, and therefore, no impact on a student's cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). One exception to the "no grade" rule is that (awarded) courses used to meet CLAST exemption are considered as having earned a grade of "C." This grade, however, does not become part of a student's academic record.
- Equivalent courses earned via exams generally fulfill the same requirements that an FIU course fulfills.
- Courses designated as UCC1 or UCC2 (e.g., MAC UCC1, WRH UCC2) meet University Core Curriculum (UCC) requirements, but may not meet major requirements.
- Courses designated with an ELE UCC1 meet lower-division elective credit.
- Exams not listed on the equivalency tables are subject to further review.