

Alternate Credit Options

- A. College Level Examination Program (CLEP)/Defense Activity For Non-traditional Education Support (DANTES)
1. College credit may be granted for the General and Subject examinations offered through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) by the College Examination Board when satisfactory scores have been earned. Southwestern College will grant credit to students who have attained a score at or above the 50th percentile level on each of the General Examinations and Subject examinations.
 2. A maximum of six (6) semester units of credit will be granted for each General Examination or three (3) units of credit granted for each Subject Examination passed.
 3. No credit will be granted for scores below the 50th percentile. No credit will be allowed in subject areas wherein previous college credit has been earned.
 4. A student may also receive credit for Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) subject standardized tests. All credit earned from DANTES will be general elective credit only.
 5. To apply for CLEP/DANTES credit, students are required to file a petition in the Admissions Center and attach a copy of their CLEP/DANTES test results. Students should be aware that the University of California system does not award nor accept CLEP/DANTES credit.
- B. Advance Placement (AP)
1. Students will be granted college credit for advanced placement courses provided they have attained satisfactory scores on appropriate examinations conducted by the College Entrance Examination Board. Credit will be granted for Advanced Placement Test scores of three (3) and above. Note: Although six (6) units may be awarded for a given AP test; only one course (3 semester units) may be used to complete an IGETC requirement.
 2. When registering to take the examination, students should request that their test scores be sent to Southwestern College.

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3. To apply for credit, students are required to file a petition in the Admissions Center.
4. Credit will not be granted at Southwestern College for courses which duplicate the credit already allowed for examinations.

C. International Baccalaureate (IB)

Southwestern College, on recommendation of the faculty, will award six (6) units of credit for each International Baccalaureate (IB) Higher Level Subject Examination passed with a score of 4 or better. Although six (6) or more units may be awarded for a given IB test; only one course (3 semester units) may be used to complete an IGETC requirement. To receive credit, students must request that their IM scores (transcripts) be sent to Southwestern College. Once the scores are on file with the college, the student must petition for the awarding of credit. Petitions are available in the Admissions Center.

D. Military Experience

1. Basic Training or Recruit Training - four (4) units of credit are awarded for all service veterans and active duty students. This follows the recommendation of the American Council on Education (ACE) guide to military Credit.
 - a. Two of these units will be applied toward the PE graduation requirement.
 - b. The health education requirement is met by completion of Basic or Recruit Training.
 - c. The remaining two units will be applied toward elective credit.
 - d. Air Force veterans will be awarded credit based on the transcripts of the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF).
2. All other Military Courses - credit will be awarded for lower division baccalaureate, Associate Degree and upper division baccalaureate recommended courses with the following conditions:

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- a. DD-214 or DD-295 must be on file with the Admissions Center.
 - b. Student must petition the Veterans Office for credit.
 - c. Appropriate division Deans must approve course equivalency when credit is sought for specific military coursework beyond basic training.
 - d. If military coursework does not match with specific college coursework, the military credits will be listed as electives.
3. Credit will be awarded based on recommendation provided on a Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) transcript.
 4. Credit will be awarded based on recommendation provided by the Army and American Council on Education Registry Transcript (AARTS). (See exception following for MOS coursework.)
 5. Exception - Credit will not automatically be awarded for Military Occupation Specialties (MOS) or Navy Enlisted Classifications (NEC).
 - a. A veteran or active duty student may petition for individual review. Waiver or credit by examination procedures are available methods of granting credit in these cases.

D. Other Non-Traditional Credit

Southwestern College will recognize other sources of external credit from non-traditional sources (i.e., PONSI) upon receipt of official transcripts/score reports and a petition requesting credit be awarded. Credit awarded from these sources will be general elective credit, unless specifically requested by the student. Course-to-course equivalency requests will be forwarded to the Dean of the appropriate department who will make the equivalency decision. All requests for evaluation of non-traditional credit should be submitted to the Admissions Center.

Note: For all Alternate Credit Options, credit will not be posted to the student's permanent record.