

Mid-Atlantic Christian University Academic Affairs Policy 7

SUBJECT: Credit by Examination

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Policy for: Academic Affairs and Registrar's Office

Procedure for: Registrar's Office

Authorized by: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Issued by: Board of Trustees

I. Purpose

Mid-Atlantic Christian University participates in the advanced placement programs of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) by awarding academic credit to students who achieve acceptable scores on those examinations determined to have a MACU course equivalent. For students who excel in certain subject areas, college freshman level course work may be repetitious. Thus, in an effort to alleviate duplication at the university level, to promote academic motivation and to provide assistance toward educational goals; qualified students are encouraged to take advantage of credit-by-examination opportunities offered through Advanced Placement, College Level Examination Programs, and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests.

This policy statement partially addresses "Standard 10.8 Evaluating and awarding academic credit of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, *Principles of Accreditation* (2018 edition).

II. Policy

The University will award credit for up to 30 semester hours of College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (AP), and DANTES (DSST) toward baccalaureate degrees and 15 semester hours toward an associate degree. Students with exceptional CLEP and/or AP scores may petition the Vice President for Academic Affairs to exceed the 30/15 hour limit.

III. Procedure

Upon receipt of official scores from the different testing agencies the Registrar's Office will review the scores and determine if credit may be awarded. Upon a favorable decision a summary sheet will be created and placed in the student's academic file, along with a copy being given to the student and the student's advisor.

Credit will also be entered into the Campus Management System where the student's official academic record is maintained in the form of a transcript.

The University will accept appropriate scores on approved examinations as follows:

A. Credit Awarded for CLEP Examinations:

1. Credit from the tests may be used to fulfill specific courses, as part of a distribution/area/general requirement, or as free electives (without further specification) in the student's degree program.
2. The student must test at the end of the semester before he enrolls in courses for which the CLEP test (or equivalent course) is a pre-requisite.
3. A grade of P (pass) will be assigned following the successful completion of CLEP tests and the hours will not be used to calculate the student's grade point average (GPA). The minimum accepted score for all examinations is generally 50, except as noted in the listing below.
4. CLEP based credits may not duplicate previous college work that has been successfully completed.
5. The student pays no transfer fee to the University for CLEP credits, but does pay applicable testing and grading fees.
6. Students wishing to test out of a course through CLEP must do so before the end of the first semester of their senior year.
7. CLEP credit will not be granted for previously failed courses.

B. CLEP Examinations accepted for specific courses. All others may be used for electives, where relevant to the student's program of study. [...] – Only receive credit if CLEP test was taken before enrollment at MACU.

<u>CLEP Test</u>	<u>MACU Equivalent</u>	<u>Credit hours</u>
<u><i>Composition and Literature</i></u>		
American Literature	ENGL 311	3 hrs
[Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	ENGL 251	3 hrs]
English Literature	ENGL 341	3 hrs
College Composition Test	ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 (score 60)	3 or 6 hrs
<u><i>Science and Mathematics</i></u>		
College Algebra	MATH 161	3 hrs
[College Mathematics	MATH 165	3 hrs]
Precalculus	MATH 171	3 hrs
Calculus	MATH 181	4 hrs
Biology	BIOL 141 (except science majors)	4 hrs

Chemistry	CHEM 151 (except science majors)	4 hrs
Natural Sciences	PHYS 113	4 hrs

History and Social Sciences

Educational Psychology, Intro.	EDUC 244 (except Teacher Ed programs)	3 hrs
History of the United States I	HIST 233	3 hrs
History of the United States II	HIST 234	3 hrs
Human Growth and Development	PSYC 227	3 hrs
Psychology, Intro.	PSYC 101	3 hrs
Sociology, Intro	SOCI 101	3 hrs
Western Civilization I	HIST 211	3 hrs
Western Civilization II	HIST 212	3 hrs

Business

Financial Accounting	ACCT 201	3 hrs
Introductory Business Law	BUAD 301	3 hrs
Principles of Management	BUAD 221	3 hrs
Principles of Marketing	MRKT 211	3 hrs

Foreign Language

French Language, Level 2	Language Component (score 59)	12 hrs
Spanish Language, Level 2	Language Component (score 63)	12 hrs
German Language, Level 2	Language Component (score 60)	12 hrs

C. Credit Awarded for AP Examinations:

The University will accept AP scores of 3, 4, and 5 as follows:

1. To be considered for credit, students must ask the appropriate testing service to send MACU official test results.
2. Scores may be accepted in fulfillment of specific courses, as part of a distribution/area/general requirement, or as free electives in the student's degree program.
3. The recommended number of semester hours will be awarded per accepted score if the student uses it as a free elective; if he uses it in lieu of a specific course, the student will be awarded no more than the hours of the Mid-Atlantic Christian University course. In no instance may credit hours for one examination be divided between a specific course and elective hours.
4. There are no additional requirements or fees for receiving credit.
5. A grade of P (pass) will be assigned and the hours will not be used to calculate the student's grade point average (GPA).

Exam	Minimum Score	Awarded Credit for the Following Course(s)	Credit Hours Awarded
AP Seminar	3	ENGL 101	3
Art History	3	ART 111	3

Biology	3	BIOL 141 (except science majors)	4
Biology	4	BIOL 141	4
Calculus AB	3	MATH 181	4
Calculus BC	3	MATH 181	4
Chemistry	3	CHEM 151 (except science majors)	4
Chemistry	5	CHEM 151 & 152	8
Microeconomics	3	ECON 201	3
Macroeconomics	3	ECON 202	3
English: Language & Composition	4	ENGL 101, ENGL 102	6
European History	4	HIST 211 & 212	6
Physics 1	3	PHYS 151 (except science majors)	4
Physics 2	3	PHYS 152 (except science majors)	4
Physics 1&2	5	PHYS 151 & 152	8
Precalculus	3	MATH 171	3
Psychology	3	PSYC 101	3
Statistics	3	MATH 213	3
United States Government and Politics	3	POLS 151	3
United States History	3	HIST 231	3
United States History	4	HIST 233 & 234	6
World History	4	HIST 211 & 212	6

D. Credit Awarded for DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests):

1. To be considered for credit, students must ask the appropriate testing service to send MACU official test results.
2. Scores may be accepted in fulfillment of specific courses, as part of a distribution/area/general requirement, or as free electives in the student's degree program.
3. The recommended number of semester hours will be awarded per accepted score if the student uses it as a free elective; if he uses it in lieu of a specific course, the student will be awarded no more than the hours of the Mid-Atlantic Christian University course. In no instance may credit hours for one examination be divided between a specific course and elective hours.
4. There are no additional requirements or fees for receiving credit.
5. A grade of P (pass) will be assigned and the hours will not be used to calculate the student's grade point average (GPA).

Exam	Minimum Score	Awarded Credit for the Following Course(s)	Credit Hours Awarded
Fundamentals of College Algebra	50/434	MATH 161	3
Introduction to World Religions	48/400	CCMN 384	3
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	47	PSYC 227	3
Principles of Public Speaking	52	COMM 171	3

Principles of Statistics	48/400	MATH 213	3
Other exams may be considered for credit. The registrar in consultation with the VPAA will review the recommendations set by the American Council on Education (ACE) to determine if credit will be granted.			

IV. Published: MACU Academic Catalogs

V. Reason for Revision

VI. Appendices