

4.125 NON-TRADITIONAL CREDIT

PROCEDURE:

In addition to taking classes from us or transferring credits from other colleges, there are six other ways to apply credits towards your program at Centralia College. These are called nontraditional credits. They are listed below.

If you want us to evaluate your nontraditional credits, submit official test scores or official transcripts to the Admissions and Records Office. (For Tech-Prep credits, your high school will do this). CLEP, credit by exam, and Advanced Placement are evaluated only after you complete two quarters at Centralia College. The Admissions and Records Office will notify you of courses and credits granted. The following methods are available:

1. *CLEP (College Level Examination Program)*: Five General Exams and over 30 Subject Exams (worth 5 credits each) are available. The College Board administers these tests. We accept CLEP Exams for credit, if you score a 50 or above. You may earn up to 45 college credits. To apply for CLEP credit, request that official transcripts of CLEP scores be sent directly from The College Board to Admissions and Records. (For students completing the CLEP before July 2001, please contact our evaluator for prior scoring minimums).
2. *Credit by examination*: This is also called challenging a course. Centralia College recognizes that you may already have gained competence in a particular area. You may receive credit for your knowledge without formally taking a course in that area. Not every course is available for credit by exam. The department head determines which courses are eligible for credit by exam. The department head will notify the Admissions and Records Office, in writing, of the decision. Credit may not be earned for an audited course, one you enrolled in previously, or if a more advanced course in that subject area has been completed. If you challenge a specific course at Centralia College, you must arrange with the department head and course instructor. You must enroll in the course and pay tuition.
3. *Advanced Placement (AP)*: Centralia College encourages students in high school to participate in the AP program. The College Board conducts the AP program. Scores of 3, 4, or 5 on the College Board AP Tests are the basis for advanced placement and course credit at Centralia College. To apply for advanced placement credit, you must request that official transcripts of AP scores be sent directly from The College Board to Admissions and Records. Listed below are the departmental policies on granting placement and credit for the most common AP examinations.

AP Examination	Score	Centralia College credit
Biology	3, 4, or 5	BIOL 105 (5 credits)
English Writing	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 101 (5 credits)
English Literature	3, 4, or 5	ENGL 209 (5 credits)
U. S. History	5	HIST 260 & 261 (10 credits)
	3 or 4	HIST 260 (5 credits)
European History	5	HIST 103 & 104 (10 credits)
	3 or 4	HIST 103 (5 credits)
Calculus (AB)	5	MATH 120 & 123 (10 credits)*
	4	MATH 120 & 123 (10 credits)*
	3	MATH 120 (5 credits)**

* Upon completion of MATH 124

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4. *Military credit and experience:* Credit may be awarded for armed service schools. The amount and type of credit is based upon the in the *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. Present your course certificate(s) and Form DD 214 or DD 295 to the evaluator as proof of completion.
5. *Law enforcement/fire protection training:* Credit may be awarded for courses taken from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and the Fire Protection Services Division of the Department of Community Development. The Dean of Instruction for Professional/Technical Programs determines the amount and type of credit.
6. *Tech Prep:* You may earn college credit at Centralia College for Tech Prep classes taken in high school. Centralia College recognizes that quality education takes place in area high schools and has signed articulation agreements with many schools to grant advanced credit in professional/technical fields. Contact Centralia College's Tech Prep coordinator or your high school counselor for more information.