

Non-Traditional College Credit

Bevill State recognizes some types of non-traditional experiences and credit by examination: Credit for Prior Experiential Learning, Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Subject Proficiency Examinations, Articulated Programs, Credit for Specialized Military Service (SMT), and other special credit awards. The total number of credit hours awarded from all non-traditional sources may not exceed 40 percent of the total credit hours required by the program. Credit is awarded only in areas offered within the current curriculum of the institution and must be appropriately related to the student's educational programs. Non-traditional credits which are awarded by the institution do not count toward fulfilling the 25 percent residency requirement for graduation for degree programs.

Credit for Prior Experiential Learning

Bevill State recognizes that learning takes place in a variety of situations and circumstances. Many students have experiences/training which may lie outside the traditional academic environment provided. Credit will be awarded for prior experiential learning only for documented learning which demonstrates achievement of all outcomes for specific courses in an approved degree program. Credit will be awarded only to matriculated students and will be noted on the transcript. A fee of \$25 per course evaluation is charged to complete course review. Experiential learning credits will not be awarded for academic transfer coursework.

Advanced Placement

A student who has completed college-level courses offered by high schools through the College Board Advanced Placement Program and have passed the National Examination(s) of the College Board Advanced Placement Program with scores of three (3) or higher may be awarded advanced placement credit in equivalent courses at Bevill State. The student should be aware that acceptance of a score of three (3) does not assure that another postsecondary institution will award advanced credit for the course credited by Bevill State. Advanced Placement scores must be received from the College Board after the student applies for admission but prior to the beginning of the term in which the student wishes the credit to be applied. It is the student's responsibility to request forwarding of an official score report by the College Board to the appropriate Office of Student Services.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Bevill State honors credit earned through CLEP examination from an approved CLEP testing site, provided appropriate scores are earned and adequate documentation is provided. A minimum score of fifty percent on the subject examinations is required in order for specific course credit to be awarded.

Credit awarded by any other accredited postsecondary institution under the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) for a score of less than fifty percent will not be accepted by Bevill State. Test scores must be documented by the official score sheet for the College Level Examination Program in the Office of Student Services. Requests for CLEP credit should be submitted to the Office of Student Services.

Students may receive a maximum of 3 hours of credit awarded in each academic area. Students may receive English credit only for ENG 101-English Composition I. In mathematics, students may not receive credit for a mathematics course higher than MTH 113, Precalculus Trigonometry. Students may not receive CLEP credit for courses in biology, chemistry, physics or other laboratory courses. It should be noted that credit may be awarded only in areas offered within the current curriculum of the institution.

Articulated Credit Program

Students who have participated in programs articulated with Bevill State programs may be granted credit as provided for in the respective articulation agreements. Articulated program credit is not necessarily transferable to other colleges or universities. For proper placement in an articulated program, students should obtain an Articulated Credit Recommendation Form.

Military Service

Students who have enrolled at Bevill State may receive credit for specialized military training. Military credit is awarded on the basis of recommendations published by the American Council on Education in its latest Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services. Documentation of military courses must be submitted to the Office of Student Services for evaluation. Students must request official transcripts at <https://jst.doded.mil/official.html> for Army & National Guard, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy.

Other Special Credit Awards

The College may award credit for some courses in the specialized portion of an Associate in Applied Science Degree program to a student who successfully completes specific course examinations. The student must obtain approval of his/her instructor in order to take a challenge examination, and the results must be approved by the Dean of Instruction.