

Credit by Examination

Students may be eligible to receive advanced placement or college credit by taking examinations available nationally as well as on Grand Valley State University's campus. Students take these tests to determine their level of competence in certain subject areas.

- Students may receive credit by examination if they have not previously registered for the course in question at Grand Valley or elsewhere.
- The credits will count toward graduation but will not be used in computing the grade point average.
- The maximum number of credits by examination that students may apply toward the baccalaureate is 32 hours, eight of which may be in the major area.
- Students who are native speakers of a language other than English will not be granted CLEP or AP exam credit for that language.

Advanced Placement Program (AP)

The Advanced Placement program (AP), a service of the College Board, allows students to earn college credits while they are still in high school.

Advanced placement examinations are offered throughout the world in May of each year. The current cost is \$82. No examination is longer than three hours, and some are shorter. The examinations are offered at participating schools or at multi-school centers. All of the tests contain either an essay or a problem-solving section and another section consisting of multiple-choice questions.

Exams are graded nationally. Essay grades are combined with the grades on the multiple-choice questions and the scores are converted to the program's five-point scale:

- 5 – Extremely well qualified
- 4 – Well qualified
- 3 – Qualified
- 2 – Possible qualified
- 1 – No recommendation

Grand Valley State University will grant credit for scores of 3, 4, or 5 on the AP tests. In order to receive credit, the student must request that the College Board send score reports to the university. When Grand Valley receives the AP scores (usually in early July), students who have earned the appropriate score will be awarded credit. Each student who earns credit will receive an evaluation indicating the credit awarded.

Effective April 2009, AP credit is awarded as follows for scores of 3, 4, or 5:

Exam	Credit
Art: History	3 credits: ART 101
Art: Studio: Drawing	3 credits: ART general credit
Art: Studio: 2D Design	3 credits: ART general credit; possible ART 150 credit awarded after an Art Department review of the portfolio
Art: Studio: 3D Design	3 credits: ART general credit; possible ART 151 credit awarded after an Art Department review of the portfolio
Biology	8 credits: BIO 120 and BIO 121
Calculus AB	5 credits: MTH 201
Calculus BC	9 credits (score of 3): MTH 201 and MTH 202; 5 credits (score of less than 3 and AB sub-score of 3 or higher): MTH 201
Chemistry	5 credits (score of 3): CHM 109 5 credits (score of 4): CHM 115 10 credits (score of 5): CHM 115 and CHM 116 with review of laboratory notebook

Chinese Language	4 credits (score of 3): CHI 101 and 102; 12 credits (score of 4): CHI and Culture 101,102, and 201; 16 credits (score of 5): CHI 101, 102, 201, and 202
Computer Science A	4 credits: CS 162
Computer Science AB	8 credits: CS 162 and 163
English Language	4 credits (score of 3): WRT general credit; (score of 4 or 5): WRT 150
English Literature	4 credits (score of 3): WRT general credit; (score of 4 or 5): WRT 150=Credit will not be given for both English Language and English Literature
Economics: Macro	3 credits (score of 3): ECO 210
Economics: Micro	3 credits: ECO 211
Environmental Science	3 credits: BIO 105
French Language	8 credits: FRE 101 and FRE 102; 12 credits (score of 4): FRE 101, 102, and 201; 16 credits (score of 5): FRE 101, 102, 201, and 202
French Literature	19 credits (score of 3): FRE 101, 102, 201, 202, and 306; 22 credits (score of 4): FRE 101, 102, 201, 202, 306, and 301; 25 credits (score of 5): FRE 101, 102, 201, 202, 306, 301, and 380
German Language	8 credits (score of 3): GER 101 and GER 102; 12 credits (score of 4): GER 101, 102, and 201; 16 credits (score of 5): GER 101, 102, 201, and 202
Government & Politics:	3 credits: PLS 102
U.S. Government Government & Politics:	3 credits: PLS 103
Comparative History: European	3 credits: HST 102
History: U.S.	3 credits (score of 3): HST 103; 6 credits (score of 4 or 5): HST 205 and 206
History: World	3 credits (score of 3): HST 101; 6 credits (score of 4 or 5): HST 203 and 204
Human Geography	3 credits: GPY 220
Italian Language	8 credits (score of 3): ITA 101 12 credits (score of 4): ITA 101, 102, and 201; 16 credits (score of 5): ITA 101, 102, 201, and 202
Japanese Language	8 credits (score of 3): JPN 101 and 102; 12 credits (score of 4): JPN 101, 102 and 201; 16 credits (score of 5): JPN 101, 102, 201, and 202
Latin: Literature	3 credits (score of 3): LAT general credit; 4 credits (score of 4 or 5): LAT 201
Latin: Vergil	3 credits (score of 3): LAT general credit; 3 credits (score of 4 or 5): LAT 202
Music Theory	3 credits: MUS 130
Physics B	5 credits (score of 3): PHY 220 10 credits (score of 4 or 5): PHY 220 and PHY 221
Physics C Part I	5 credits (score of 4 or 5): (No Physics B) PHY 230
Part I & II	5 credits (score of 3): PHY general credit; 8 credits (score of 4 or 5): (No Physics B) PHY 230 and PHY general credit
Physics B + C	10 credits (score of 4 or 5): PHY 230 and PHY 231Part I & II
Psychology	3 credits (score of 3): PSY general credit; (score of 4 or 5): PSY 101
Spanish Language	8 credits (score of 3): SPA 101 and SPA 102; 12 credits (score of 4): SPA 101, 102, and 201; 16 credits (score of 5): SPA 101, 102, 201, and 202

Spanish Literature 16 credits (score of 3): SPA 101, 102, 201, and 202;
22 credits (score of 4 or 5): SPA 101, 102, 201, 202, 321, and 322

Statistics 3 credits: STA 215

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

CLEP is a national program of credit by examination that offers students the opportunity to earn college credits for college-level achievement. Personal reading, on-the-job experience, adult school, or other life experience may prepare students to earn college credit by examination.

- CLEP tests are appropriate for returning adult students, graduating high school seniors, and for currently enrolled college students.
- Grand Valley grants credit for subject examinations offered by CLEP. No credit is given for general examinations.
- CLEP credit is applied as two-year college transfer credit.
- Students must earn the last 30 credits toward their degree at Grand Valley; therefore, a student nearing graduation must get a Residency Waiver approved before the exam is taken.
- The student must request that scores be sent to Grand Valley so that credit may be awarded.
- The cost per test is currently \$80, including the administration fee. For further details, call the Advising Resource Center at Grand Valley at (616) 331-3588.

Effective April 2008, CLEP credit is awarded for the following exams:

(Applies to computer-based tests)

Exam	GVSU Equivalency	Passing Score	Semester Hour Credits
Business			
Information Systems & Computer Applications	Business General Credit CS 150 if proficiency demonstrated through lab component	55	3
Principles of Management	MGT 331	53	3
Financial Accounting Principles	ACC 212	56	3
Introductory Business Law	BUS 201	55	3
Principles of Marketing	MKT 350	56	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECO 210	52	3
Principles of Microeconomics	ECO 211	52	3
Composition and Literature			
Freshman College Composition	WRT 150 (must submit portfolio review)*	50	4
English Literature	ENG 220 and ENG 221	50	6
American Literature	ENG 225 and ENG 226	50	6
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	WRT general credit (with essay)* (will not satisfy AH/B or philosophy and literature)	50	4

Exam	GVSU Equivalency	Passing Score	Semester Hour Credits
Foreign Languages			
College French	FRE 101 and FRE 102	50	8
Levels 1 & 2	FRE 201 and FRE 202	62	16
College German	GER 101 and GER 102	50	8
Levels 1 & 2	GER 201 and GER 202	63	16
College Spanish	SPA 101 and SPA 102	50	8
Levels 1 & 2	SPA 201 and SPA 202	66	16
Science and Mathematics			
Calculus	MTH 201	50	5
Precalculus	MTH 122	50	3
College Algebra	MTH 122	50	3
Credit will not be given for both college algebra and precalculus.			
General Biology	BIO 120 and 121	50	8
General	CHM 109	50	5
Chemistry	CHM 115	60	5
	CHM 115 and 116 (w/review and approval of lab notebook)**	65	5
Social Sciences and History			
American Government	PLS 102	50	3
History of the U.S. I: Early Colonization to 1877	HST 103 (HST 205 if passing score on optional essay)++	50	3
History of the U.S. II: 1865 to Present	HST 103 (HST 206 if passing score on optional essay)++	50	3
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	HST 102 (HST 203 credit not possible)	50	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	HST 102 (HST 204 credit not possible)	50	3
Introductory Psychology	PSY 101	50	3
Human Growth and Development	PSY 364	50	3
Introduction to Educational Psychology	PSY 325	50	3
Introductory Sociology	SOC 201	50	3

* Portfolio must be submitted to the Writing Department for review after passing multiple-choice test. Students MUST pass both the multiple choice and portfolio requirement to receive credit for WRT 150. Portfolio requirements are available upon registration for the test and on the Testing Services Web site.

** Must have laboratory notebook reviewed and approved by the chair of the Chemistry Department before CHM 116 credit can be awarded.

++ The optional essay questions are supplied by the Grand Valley history department and the answers are reviewed by history faculty. Credit for the 200-level courses will be awarded if a passing score is received on the essay portion. Students MUST pass both the multiple choice and essay portions to receive the 200-level credit.

For CLEP tests taken before April 2009, contact the Advising Resources and Special Programs Unit at (616) 331-3588 for information on credit granting policies.

Note: Minimum scores and equivalencies are subject to change.

International Baccalaureate

Grand Valley recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) program and awards academic credit for scores of 4 or higher on all of the Higher Level (HL) examinations. Details of the course equivalencies can be found on the Web at www.gvsu.edu/images/intl_bac.pdf.

Refer to www.gvsu.edu/catalog for the most current catalog information.

For More Information

For more information about either the Advanced Placement or the College Level Examination Program, contact:

Admissions Office

Grand Valley State University

1 Campus Drive

Allendale, MI 49401-9403

Telephone: (616) 331-2025 or (800) 748-0246

Email: admissions@gvsu.edu

Web: www.gvsu.edu/admissions

