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Policy:

Because learning may be obtained outside the traditional classroom, NorthWest Arkansas Community College offers students a variety of ways to obtain credit for this extracurricular learning.

Students who have gained knowledge contained in certain courses offered by the College may petition for credit by examination.

This credit-by-examination may be earned in one of three ways:

1. CLEP Examination;
2. DANTES Subject Tests; and
3. Departmental Examination.

Examination fees will be charged according to testing fees published in the College catalog. Credit from these sources will not be granted for more than one-half of the total credit hours required to complete a certificate or degree. Students receiving credit by examination must be enrolled at the College at the time credit is awarded. This credit will appear on the student's transcript as earned credit without any indication of grades or quality points. Students can not take a departmental exam if currently enrolled in the courses. Students successfully completing the departmental exam will be charged the appropriate tuition for the course before credit is awarded.

If the course for which the student seeks credit is one of the general education courses listed below, then the appropriate examination will be given through the CLEP program. Students may also request course credit by obtaining a minimum score on certain DANTES Subject Tests. In a few situations in which there are no appropriately corresponding national tests, NorthWest Arkansas Community College departmental examinations are given. Advisors have a list of these in-house exemption tests.

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College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

NorthWest Arkansas Community College departments have set on a trial basis the following minimum re-centered scores on CLEP examinations for the courses indicated. These scores are in keeping with the recommendations of the American Council of Education.

CLEP Examination	NorthWest Arkansas Community College Course Designations	Min. Score for Credit
American Govt.	PLSC 2003	50
American Hist. I	HIST 2003	50
American Hist. II	HIST 2013	50
Calculus w/Elem.Func.	MATH 2554	50
College Algebra	MATH 1204	50
Freshman Col. Comp.	ENGL 1013	50
(Essay required)	ENGL 1013 & 1023	60
English Literature	ENGL 2113	50
	ENGL 2113 & 2123	60
General Biology	BIOL 1544	50
General Biology II	BIOL 1014	50
General Chem. I & II	CHEM 1104 & 1124	50
General Psychology	PSYC 2003	50
General Sociology	SOCI 2013	50
Intro. Accounting	ACCT 2013 & 2023	50
Prin. Macroeconomics	ECON 2313	50
Prin. Microeconomics	ECON 2323	50
Trigonometry	MATH 1213	50
West. Civ. To 1650	WCIV 1003	50
West. Civ. Since 1650	WCIV 1013	50

Dantes

Dantes Test	Required Minimum Score	NWACC Course
College Algebra	47	College Algebra
Art of Western World	48	1 sem. Art History
Human/Cultural Geography	48	Human Geography
Intro to Law Enforcement	45	Law Enforcement
Criminal Justice	49	Intr. to Crim. Just.
Intro to World Religions	49	World Religions
Technical Writing	46	Technical Writing (verified with dept. essay)

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Veterans: Physical Education Credit
Veterans may, at their written request, receive physical education credit based on military service. Credit will be granted according to the following scale: 6 months active duty, one hour credit; 12 months active duty, two hours credit; 18 months active duty, three hours credit; and 21 or more month's active duty, four hours credit. Application for this credit should be made through the Director of Veteran Affairs Counselor.

Elective Credit
Opportunities for elective credit may be granted through four options beyond classes listed in the College catalog. Students who wish to consider these options for elective credit applicable toward an Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree or Associate of Science (A.S.) should consult with the appropriate Division Chairperson or the Vice President for Learning.

1. Elective credit granted through distance learning.
   Up to 12 hours of elective coursework taken through a form of independent distance learning at any accredited institution may be granted, providing the courses are freshman/sophomore level, and the student meets the residency and all other requirements for graduation from NorthWest Arkansas Community College.

2. Elective credit granted through Interdisciplinary Honors Study.
   Up to 9 semester hours of elective credit may be granted for interdisciplinary honors study. The student arranges a project with at least two faculty members and the Vice President for Learning. Students must have completed 30 hours with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

3. Elective credit granted through Public Service.
   Up to 6 semester hours of elective credit may be granted through active participation in public service arranged with local agencies, faculty and the Vice President for Learning. Students must have completed 30 hours with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher to participate.

4. Elective credit granted through Cooperative Education and Internships.
   Up to 6 hours of elective credit may be granted for a cooperative vocational academic project supervised by a local employer, a faculty member and the Vice President for Learning. Students may also receive up to 6 hours of elective credit for approved internships. Participating students must have previously completed

15 hours with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.

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Independent Study

Credit may be awarded through Independent Study at NorthWest Arkansas Community College to students with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher. Independent Study options are available in all areas. A student interested in Independent Study should discuss a topic with an instructor in advance of registration. Final approval is then granted by the appropriate Division Chairperson.

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