

Nontraditional College Credit

Gadsden State provides a mechanism for students to earn college credit for experience and knowledge attained outside the traditional classroom.

No more than 25% of the total credit required for any program may be awarded as a result of nontraditional credit. Credit may not be awarded twice for the same learning.

Articulated Credit

Credit Awarded for Articulation Students completing courses in the approved Statewide Career and Technical Education Articulation Agreement will receive articulated credit to Gadsden State Community College offering the corresponding program of study. Performance or knowledge testing of secondary program graduates is not required as part of the articulation process. For more information, view the [Statewide Articulation Procedural Guide](#).

Awarding Credit Through Prior Learning Assessment

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is a means for a student to receive college level credit for experiential learning that took place in a non-traditional learning environment, such as on-the-job training, military training, professional development seminars, volunteerism, and experience in-field. Awarding of credit through PLA relies heavily on aligning knowledge and skills gained through experience with learning outcomes found in traditional courses of higher education.

1. Credit for prior learning can be awarded only after the assessment of experiential learning experiences and only for documented learning that demonstrates achievement of all terminal objectives for a specific course or courses.
2. Course credit earned through prior learning shall be noted on the student's transcript as having been awarded through prior learning assessment.
3. Credit for prior learning (portfolio review) may not be awarded for academic transfer courses. Credit for academic transfer courses awarded through prior learning may be awarded by examination or nationally recognized guidelines only – see Credit Awarded by Examination section of catalog.
4. Before receiving credit through prior learning for a course, an individual must meet the enrollment requirements of the course.

Credit Awarded by Examination

College credit may be awarded through nationally recognized examinations such as: Advanced Placement (AP); College Level Examination Program (CLEP); United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI); Defense Activity for Non-traditional Education Support (DANTES/DSST); or through examinations (challenge exams) developed by the college. If a student achieves the required score, college credit may awarded for the relevant course.

For more information on the credit awarded for AP, USAF, DANTES, DSST Exams, contact admissions@gadsdenstate.edu.

For more information on credit awarded through challenge exams, contact the appropriate instructional dean.

College Level Examination Program General Examinations (CLEP) under the following conditions.

GSCC awards credit for CLEP subject examinations based on a minimum score requirement for each exam as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE). CLEP credit is not granted for college-level courses

previously failed, for courses in which credit for higher level course work has been earned, or for credit already earned in the subject examination's course equivalent. Acceptance of non-traditional academic work by GSCC does not guarantee other institutions will accept such work. This determination will be made by the respective transfer institution.

CLEP exams and scores currently accepted by Gadsden State are as follows:

CLEP Test	GSCC Credit	ACE Score Minimum
BUSINESS		
Financial Accounting	BUS 241 Principles of Accounting I	50
Information Systems and Computer Applications	CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications	50
Introductory Business Law	BUS 263 Legal and Social Environment of Business	50
COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE		
American Literature	ENG 251 American Literature I	50
College Composition	ENG 101 English Composition I	50
	ENG 102 English Composition II	50
English Literature	ENG 261 English Literature I	50
Humanities	HUM 101 Introduction To Humanities I	50
WORLD LANGUAGES		
Spanish Language, Level 1	SPA 101 Introductory Spanish I	50
	SPA 102 Introductory Spanish II	50
	SPA 201 Intermediate Spanish I	63
Spanish Language, Level 2	SPA 202 Intermediate Spanish II	63
	GRN 101 Introductory German I	50
German, Level 1	GRN 102 Introductory German II	50
HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE		
American Government	POL 211 American National Government	50
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877	HIS 201 United States History I	50
History of the United States II: 1865 to Present	HIS 202 United States History II	50
Human Growth and Development	PSY 210 Human Growth and Development	50
Introductory Psychology	PSY 200 General Psychology	50
Introductory Sociology	SOC 200 Introduction to Sociology	50
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECO 231 Principles of Macroeconomics	50
Principles of Microeconomics	ECO 232 Principles of Microeconomics	50
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	HIS 101 Western Civilization I	50
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	HIS 102 Western Civilization II	50
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS		
Biology	BIO 103 Principles of Biology I	50
Calculus	MTH 125 Calculus I	50
Chemistry	CHM 111 College Chemistry I	50
	CHM 112 College Chemistry II	50
College Algebra	MTH 100 Intermediate College Algebra	50
College Mathematics	MTH 116 Math Applications	50
Pre-Calculus	MTH 112 Pre-Calculus	50

Credit Awarded for Transcribed Military Training

Gadsden State may award credit for academic and technical courses based on equivalent transcribed military training as shown on an Ace Joint Service Transcript or an official transcript from the Community College of the Air Force. Military transcripts should be submitted to Gadsden State for evaluation during the admissions process.