

Alternative Credit

Grand View University recognizes that learning occurs outside of the classroom. Several opportunities are available for students to meet graduation requirements through alternative means.

Experiential Learning

Grand View University recognizes four opportunities for the conversion of experiential learning into college credit:

- Successful preparation and evaluation of experiential learning portfolios.
- Successful completion of selected tests from the Excelsior College Tests,
- Successful completion of Grand View University Departmental Examinations,
- Successful completion of selected tests from the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) or DSST tests (formerly DAN TES Subject Standardized Tests).

Credit received through Experiential Learning does not satisfy residency requirements of degree programs at Grand View University. No more than 32 semester hours of credit by CLEP, DSST, industry exams, departmental examination, and/or experiential portfolio assessment at Grand View University can be granted. Grand View University does not accept transfer experiential credit.

Experiential Learning Portfolio Option

Many adult learners have engaged in educational activities outside the formal classroom which have resulted in the acquisition of new knowledge, skills, and attitudes. This experiential learning or prior learning may qualify for college credit. Not all such learning, however, can be so converted. College credit may be given only if learning meets the following criteria:

- It lends itself to definition and assessment,
- It is at the college level in difficulty,
- It can be documented,
- It does not duplicate learning for which previous college credit has been given.

Students must have at least 12 semester hours of classroom credit from Grand View University before the experiential learning portfolio credits will be reflected on the transcript. All submissions for credit must be made prior to the completion of the last 6 hours of classroom credit.

Students must pay a portfolio evaluation fee to the Business Office and register for a one-credit class on portfolio preparation.

Testing Opportunities

Excelsior College Tests

The Excelsior College Tests are used by the Division of Nursing to validate nursing knowledge, competence, and skills currently in Grand View University's basic curriculum which have been gained as a result of previous learning experiences. Students who already are registered nurses may earn up to 27 credit hours when they receive a standard score of 45 or above on each of the following tests: Adult Nursing #554, Maternal Child Nursing, Baccalaureate #457, and Psychiatric Nursing #503.

Please contact the Nursing Division at 515-263-2850 for more information.

Departmental Credit by Examination

Currently enrolled students may, at the discretion of the department, receive credit after successfully completing a course content examination. Credit cannot be earned by examination if it duplicates credit earned previously (grade of "D" or better) or if the course is a lower-level course in a sequence in which the student has previously received credit for a higher-level course (for example, a student who has earned credit in FREN 201 could not test out of FREN 101 or 102). Credit by examination does not satisfy residency requirements for degree programs.

Interested students should complete a Request for Credit by Departmental Examination available on myView or from an academic advisor. Departmental Credit by Examination is \$25.00 per examination.

CLEP and DSST

The University is a participant in College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and DSST tests (formerly DAN TES Subject Standardized Tests). Grand View University students may earn college credit through the CLEP or DSST subject examinations listed below.

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CLEP and DSST subject examinations may be scheduled and taken through the Academic and Career Center at Grand View University or the College for Professional and Adult Learning. For more information, contact the Director of Academic Enrichment in the Academic and Career Center.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Composition and Literature		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
American Literature	6	ENGL 231 and 232
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	3	ENGL 111
College Composition	3	ENGL Electives
College Composition Modular	6	ENGL Electives
English Literature	6	ENGL 241 and 242
Humanities	6	Humanities Electives

Science & Mathematics		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
Biology, General	8	Non-lab Biology 101/102
Chemistry, General	8	Non-lab Chemistry 111/112
College Algebra	3	MATH Elective
Precalculus	3	MATH Elective
Calculus	5	MATH Elective
College Mathematics	6	Math Elective
Natural Sciences	6	Non-lab Science Elective

Languages		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent

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French, Level 1	8	International Diversity Core
French, Level 2	8	International Diversity Core
German, Level 1	8	International Diversity Core
German, Level 2	8	International Diversity Core
Spanish, Level 1	8	SPAN 101 and 102
Spanish, Level 2	8	SPAN 201 and 202

History and Social Sciences		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
American Government	3	POLS 110
Educational Psychology, Introduction to	3	EDUC 145
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877	3	HIST 121
History of the United States II: 1865 to the Present	3	HIST 122
Human Growth and Development	4	PSYC 212
Macroeconomics, Principles	3	ECON 101
Microeconomics, Principles	3	ECON 102
Psychology, Introductory	3	PSYC 101
Social Sciences and History	6	SOC SCI Elective

Sociology, Introductory	3	SOCS 101
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	3	HIST 101
Western Civilization II:1648 to the Present	3	HIST 102
Business		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
Financial Accounting	3	ACCT 211
Business Law, Introductory	3	BSAD 340
Information Systems and Computer Applications	3	BSAD 145
Management, Principles of	3	BSAD 310
Marketing, Principles of	3	BSAD 315

DSST (DANTES Subject Standardized Tests)

Mathematics		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
Fund. of College Algebra	3	MATH 111
Principles of Statistics	3	MATH 241
Business Math	3	MATH Elective

Social Science		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 212
General Anthropology	3	SOCS 341 (lower division)

Intro to Law Enforcement	3	CRIM Elective (lower division)
Criminal Justice	3	SOCS 318
Fund. of Counseling	3	PSYC Elective (lower division)

Business		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
Principles of Finance	3	BSAD 352
Principles of Financial Accounting	3	ACCT 211
Human Resource Management	3	BSAD 375
Organizational Behavior	3	BSAD 410
Principles of Supervision	3	BSAD Elective
Business Law II	3	BSAD 341
Intro. to Computing	3	CPSC 155 or BSAD 145
Introduction to Business	3	BSAD 202
Money and Banking	3	ECON 315
Personal Finance	3	BSAD Elective (lower division)
Management Information Systems	3	BSAD Elective

Physical Sciences		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
Astronomy	3	Natural Science Core
Physical Geology	3	GEOL 101
Prin. of Physical Science	3	Natural Science Core

Humanities		
Subject Examinations	Sem. Hrs.	Grand View Equivalent
Prin. of Public Speaking	3	SPCH 101
Ethics in America	3	PHIL 210
Intro. to World Religions	3	RELG 105
Here's to Your Health	3	Mental/ Physical Fitness Core or Elective
Addictive Behaviors	3	PSYC Elective