Credit-by-Examination

Credit may be earned by achieving a sufficient score (as determined by the relevant academic department at Texas State University) on any of several exams and submitting official score reports to the Testing, Evaluation, and Measurement Center (TEMC). Credit may also be earned by submitting a transcript from another college or university to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, which documents credits awarded through examination.

Sufficient scores on the following examinations may be applied for credit:

1. College Level Examination Program (https://www.txstate.edu/temc/services/studentTesting/examsforCredit/clep.html) (CLEP),
2. College Board Advanced Placement Examination Program (https://www.txstate.edu/temc/services/studentTesting/examsforCredit/ap.html) (AP),
3. International Baccalaureate Program (https://www.txstate.edu/temc/services/studentTesting/examsforCredit/ib.html) (IB),
4. Certain established departmental examinations (https://www.txstate.edu/temc/services/studentTesting/examsforCredit/departmental.html) (administered by TEMC or by the relevant academic department)

Credit established in this manner through TEMC will be recorded as “credit only” (CR) on the transcript and will not affect the GPA, except that Texas State recognizes superior scores for CLEP exams in French, German, and Spanish language by awarding letter grades of A or B. Letter grades for the French, German, and Spanish language CLEP exams are optional and may be recorded as CR at the student's request.

Evidence of credit by any examination must be evaluated by TEMC, before it can be entered on a transcript. Additional information on this and other TEMC services is available on their website (https://www.txstate.edu/temc/services/studentTesting/importantinfo/cbeInfo.html).

When an official transcript from a previously attended institution of higher education indicating credit earned through examination is received in Undergraduate Admissions, those credits are evaluated by transfer credit criteria and awarded grades of “credit only” (CR). Transfer planning guides have been developed for many programs at many junior/community colleges. Potential transfer students may access existing transfer planning guides at https://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future-students/transfer/tpg.

Credit earned by exam satisfies degree requirements in the same way as credit earned by passing the course except that it does not count as credit earned in residence.