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, Research Support, & Evaluation Center (TREC). 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 (CLEP),
2. College Board Advanced Placement Examination Program (AP),
3. International Baccalaureate Program (IB), and
4. Certain established departmental examinations (administered by TREC or by the relevant academic department)

Credit established in this manner through TREC 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 according to the Credit & Grade Awarding Table (http://tlwg.net/Zbzc). 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 TREC before it can be entered on a transcript. Additional information on this and other TREC services are available at the TREC web site (http://www.txstate.edu/trec).

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).

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.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

The International Baccalaureate is an international program of courses and examinations offered at the high school level. Those participating in the IB program and planning on attending Texas State University should indicate Texas State as the recipient of the official IB transcript of grades (diploma or certificate) for evaluation and awarding of appropriate course credit. Students who present an IB diploma will receive a minimum of 24 course-specific semester credit hours in the appropriate subject areas if all IB exam scores are 4 or higher. Students who successfully complete the IB diploma program may receive fewer than 24 semester credit hours under this policy if the student has scored lower than 4 on any IB examination administered as part of the diploma program. Standard (SL) and Higher Level (HL) exams approved for course credit at Texas State can be found at this Testing, Research Support and Evaluation Center web page (http://www.txstate.edu/trec/studentTesting/examsforCredit/ib.html).