

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Policies and Procedures

AREA: Academic Affairs

NUMBER: Policy 2.05

SUBJECT: Earning Non-Traditional Undergraduate Credit

Although credits earned in a traditional format are preferred by Blue Mountain College, alternate ways of validating prior learning or credits from external sources are described below. The student's advisor, usually a department chair, and/ or the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Blue Mountain College must approve in advance such credits in accordance with *Policy 2.16:Requirements for Graduation*. The maximum combined total of 30 semester hours of credit may be earned through CLEP, AP, and correspondence credit.

1. **Credit by Examination**

Blue Mountain College does not perform testing services for credit by examination.

A. CLEP (College Level Examination Program)

A student may earn credit toward graduation at Blue Mountain College for approved subject area examinations through CLEP. Credits are awarded based upon the scores recommended by the American Council on Education on each subject area examination. Blue Mountain College does not accept CLEP credit for EN 101, English Composition II.

B. AP (Advanced Placement) Credit

A student may earn credit toward graduation at Blue Mountain College for AP courses in which a score of three or higher is made on the standardized examination. A maximum of twelve semester hours of AP credit may be counted toward a degree.

2. **Correspondence Credit**

Blue Mountain College does not offer correspondence credit and prefers that students not enroll in such courses except in cases of scheduling difficulties. Credit earned at other accredited colleges and universities who do offer such courses, however, will be accepted by Blue Mountain College under the usual rules for acceptance of transfer credit (See Policy 2.06– Transfer Credit). A maximum of twelve hours of correspondence credit may be counted toward a degree. Blue Mountain College does not accept correspondence credit for EN 101: English Composition II.

3. **Online Credit**

Blue Mountain College offers online credit courses and the guidelines for online credit are found in Policy 2.29: Online Instruction. Questions concerning online credit should be directed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

4. **Early Admission/ Dual Enrollment**

Blue Mountain College offers a Dual Enrollment program where early admission may be granted to high school students with junior status if criteria for admission to the program are met. [Cross reference with *Policy 2.03: Admissions.*]

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