CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

TU recognizes that some students may have acquired abilities through life experience, personal study, and/or military course work. The Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Program offers an opportunity for students to receive college credit by taking “challenge” tests in the area of their proficiency, presenting portfolios, or providing documentation of military course work/experiences.

A maximum of 45 units for “non-traditional learning” may be granted through the Credit for Prior Learning Program (this includes any AP or IB credit granted upon admission to the university). CPL units can be used to fulfill Core Curriculum, electives, and/or major requirements. Students must be undergraduate degree candidates with at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA to have CPL units recorded on the TU transcript. Please note that some academic departments may accept a lower maximum number of CPL units toward the major. Please check with the major department first to find out if such restrictions exist.

Students interested in the Credit for Prior Learning Program should call the Registrar’s office at 410-704-2471.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP Tests)

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) allows students to earn qualifying scores on nationally-recognized subject examinations. Students may earn credit for certain CLEP tests provided they meet the minimum score required by Towson. The CLEP tests that Towson accepts and the required score are listed on the link below:

- Chart of Courses and Fees (http://www.towson.edu/registrar/grades/prior.html)

For more information on CLEP or to locate a CLEP Test Center, visit the College Board (https://clep.collegeboard.org/started) website. Send scores to Towson University, 5404.

Departmental Exams

Towson offers departmental “challenge” exams in Foreign Languages (http://www.towson.edu/FORL/1-%20-%20Program%20Information). The languages include French, German, Italian, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Hebrew, Japanese, and Portuguese.

Individualized Assessments

Students who wish to earn credit for courses that do not have standard departmental or CLEP exams may contact the academic department to determine if individualized assessment is possible. This type of assessment may include portfolio review, oral or written examination, demonstration (e.g., dance or music), or written report/paper.

Military Course Work/Experience

TU is a member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC). Students who have served or are currently serving in the United States military may receive college credit for basic training, military occupational specialties, and other military course work. Official documentation must be submitted. Work will be evaluated per the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services by the American Council on Education (ACE).

Military courses and experiences are evaluated by University Admissions. To request an evaluation, contact transfer@towson.edu.