

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION - UNDERGRADUATE

Students may qualify to earn a maximum of 45 credits by making satisfactory scores on tests administered through special examination programs, and thereby earn credit or be exempt from certain college courses. Students may not repeat a course by using Credit by Examination if they originally took the course on a graded A-F, P/NC, P/F, or audit basis. Credits earned by examination may not be used as part of the students' final 30 credits to be earned at the university. For further information please go to the Office of Academic Records and Registration Credits by Exam web page (<https://www.sru.edu/academics/academic-services/academic-records/credit-by-examination/>).

- The Advanced Placement Program (AP) of the College Entrance Examination Board permits high school students to earn college credits at their schools while attending high school. Students must first take an advanced placement course prior to the advanced placement exam. Scores of three (3) or higher will normally be awarded college credit. Some departments require a score of 4 or 5. High school counselors may assist in this procedure.
- Departments at the university offer credit by examination for some courses. Approval for these tests should be secured from the faculty adviser, instructor, and appropriate departmental chairperson. A "Credit by Exam" form is available in the Office of Academic Records and Registration for students wishing to avail themselves of the university's Credit by Exam program.
- The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) is administered by The College Board. This program is open to all students who meet the eligibility criteria. Under the program, students who feel their knowledge of certain subjects is extensive may elect to take the CLEP exams, which are of two types: general and subject. The general examinations are designed to reflect the learning that ordinarily takes place in the students' first two years of college. The subject examinations are designed to reflect the more specific knowledge which students may have acquired. General examinations each carry 6 credits. Subject examinations each carry 3-4 credits. Upon successfully passing an examination with a score at or above the American Council on Education's recommended minimum score, students will receive credit for the corresponding course(s), which permits registration in more advanced courses. Information on CLEP is available from the Office of Academic Records and Registration and at the following website: www.collegeboard.com/clep/ (<http://www.collegeboard.com/clep/>)
- The university also awards credit for a limited number of Excelsior College, ACT (PEP/Regents College) exams and DSST exams offered by the Armed Services. Students may contact the Office of Academic Records and Registration for a list of acceptable Excelsior, PEP and DSST exams.