

Academic Policies and Procedures

Prior Learning Assessment

Utah Tech University (Utah Tech) recognizes that learners in higher education come from varied backgrounds with a wide variety of life experiences that might qualify for college course credit. At Utah Tech, our students have multiple pathways toward receiving credit for prior learning. You can learn more about these pathways from your program advisor, the University catalog (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/campusresources/registration/#creditbyexamtext>) and Utah Tech Policy 523 (<https://utahtech.edu/wp-content/uploads/formidable/52/523.pdf>).

Some restrictions apply to all Utah Tech prior learning credit.

- Only matriculated Utah Tech students are eligible to receive Utah Tech prior learning credit.
- All credit by examination or for prior learning is graded as “Pass” rather than a letter grade.
- In compliance with accreditation standards, no more than 25% of credit by examination and prior learning can be applied toward a degree (15 credits for associate’s, 30 for bachelor’s).
- Not all Utah Tech courses are eligible for credit by examination or prior learning.
- The Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio for experiential learning may not be used for General Education courses.
- Prior learning credit cannot be awarded for courses where a student has already received a grade.

Transfer Credit

- American Council on Education (ACE) – Evaluated Military Training Credit
- College-level courses transferred in from a regionally accredited institution according to articulation standards.
- Vertical Foreign Language Credit

Exam Credit

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- BYU Foreign Language FLATS Credit
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Course Challenge
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST) Credit
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Testing Out – No Credit

Experiential Learning Credit

Experiential Learning Credit is credit awarded for college-level learning that has been attained outside of a legally authorized and accredited post-secondary educational institution; learning which will then be backed up by documentation.

For more information, please visit the Prior Learning Assessment website (<https://academics.utahtech.edu/prior-learning-assessment/>).