

CREDITS BY EXAMINATION

Within the structures outlined below, Bethel University awards credit in recognition of learning that has been achieved apart from a college classroom situation. A maximum of 40 credits in prior learning can be applied toward a degree program.

1. Credit may be awarded to a student who receives a qualifying score on:
 - a. an Advanced Placement Examination (AP). A minimum score of 3 is required in order for the exam to replace most Bethel requirements. A score of 4 or higher is required to fulfill the Inquiry Writing Seminar requirement as well as requirements for some majors. The Office of the Registrar (<https://www.bethel.edu/registrar/>) maintains information about AP exams and General Education requirements. Students should consult departments for information about AP courses that may be used to fulfill requirements in the major.
 - b. either a General Examination or a Subject Examination of the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). Consult the Office of the Registrar for details.
 - c. an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam. Bethel awards 3 credits for Standard Level Examinations with a score of 5 or higher. A student with a score of 4 or higher on a Higher Level Examination is awarded 6 credits. Consult the Office of the Registrar for details.
 - d. a DANTES Subject Standardized Test (<https://www.military.com/education/timesaving-programs/dantes-college-credit-by-examination-program.html>) (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support), which is equivalent to a college course. Consult the Office of the Registrar for details.
2. Exemption from certain first-level courses may be granted on the basis of an adequate score on special placement examinations devised by the respective departments.
3. Students who complete high school outside the U.S. may be eligible to receive credit for some first-year courses.

Print Version: AP Equivalencies (<https://www.bethel.edu/undergrad/academic-affairs/files/ap-equivalencies-2025-2026.pdf>)

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CLEP Equivalencies

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