

Academic Information

3. You may elect to challenge a course in which you are currently enrolled, provided the class is formally dropped prior to the beginning of the fourth week of classes. Courses in which you have previously enrolled and received a grade may not be challenged.
4. You may not challenge more than 24 credits. Credits earned through examination cannot be counted for the degree completion requirement of "complete at least 24 credits at Clatsop Community College". A maximum of six credits, taken by examination, may be in cooperative work experience.
5. The faculty of the College offering the instruction in the challenged course will be responsible for the formulation, administration, and compilation of the results of the equivalency test in accordance with other provisions of this policy. The examination may be either oral, written, performance, or a combination of these methods of evaluation. Under no circumstances will the requirement for credit by examination exceed the pre-established criteria for the course.
6. Examination for course credit may be taken only once. If successful, you will receive the grade of pass and the letter "P" will be entered upon your transcript. If unsuccessful, you will receive a "N/C" on your transcript. Credits so earned will not be calculated in your grade point average.
7. Courses involving laboratory or shop experience may be challenged in the same method as any other course; however, you must supply written references from qualified individuals indicating your sufficient background experience to cause a waiver of the laboratory or shop time.
8. Credits earned by examination may not exceed the total credits previously earned at Clatsop Community College in regular course work. Should a challenge be approved during your initial quarter at Clatsop, credit for the challenged courses will not be applied until evidence of your successful completion of regular course work is entered into your transcript.
9. The College charges regular tuition for all credit by examination courses. Once the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs approves the application for a credit by examination course, the student will pay a nonrefundable charge, 50% of the tuition, before the exam is administered. After the exam is administered, the student will pay the remaining 50% of tuition before the course is recorded on his/her transcript. Credit by exam courses cannot be paid for with financial aid.

All the conditions set forth above are applicable to each student requesting course credit through examination. Any waiver of these conditions must be at the approval of the President of the College and these conditions are subject to change. For information or assistance regarding Credit by Examination, call the office of the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at 503-338-2440.

Credit for Prior Learning

You may earn college credit by documenting learning acquired through job experiences, travel, hobbies, and family and civic responsibilities. Your prior learning must be documented using a portfolio so that faculty can evaluate the learning and award appropriate college credit. A maximum of 24 credits can be earned through credit for prior learning. Call Student Services for information on developing and evaluating your portfolio.

Work Experience (Cooperative Education)

Work Experience (Cooperative Education) is a nationally recognized program granting academic credit for various supervised internships. Work Experience staff advise you in the program and assist you with registration.

Work Experience staff work with local employers to find learning and career opportunities for students. In addition, staff meet with you and your supervisor at the job site at least twice during the academic quarter to discuss your progress toward completing your learning objectives. Call 503-338-2480 or email cwdirector@clatsopcc.edu for more information.

Companion Classes: A work experience seminar course is offered to augment the cooperative education experience. If you are enrolled in a work experience course, you must take the work experience seminar course concurrently, unless you have completed it in a previous term.

Job Placement: The Career Center receives job opportunities from employers. Local positions are posted in Columbia Hall, 2nd floor, near the cafe.

Independent Study

Clatsop Community College allows, under specific circumstances, the use of independent study classes (also called R & C) by students. The classes will be approved only after all other alternatives are explored. The classes must be approved by instructors first. If the instructor genuinely believes that circumstances warrant a class to be offered as an independent study class, the instructor may petition the Office of Instruction on your behalf. The petition will include the reasons for offering this class as independent study and proposed class activities and assignments. This petition needs to be signed by the instructor, student, and advisor before it is forwarded to the Office of Instruction. For more information call 503-338-2440.

Transfer Credit

Coursework for which you earned a "C" or better grade from a regionally accredited institution may be accepted to meet degree or certificate requirements at Clatsop Community College. Transfer coursework, although it may be used to meet requirements, will not be included in your Clatsop Community College cumulative grade point average.