

Proposal from the Undergraduate Academic Standards Committee

To change language related to Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit.

Current & Proposed Catalog Language

Taken from the Enrolling at UTC section of the 2020 - 2021 Undergraduate Academic Calendar.

Prior Learning Assessment Credit (PLA)

Students admitted to the University may earn institutional credit for college level learning gained outside the traditional classroom environment. Prior Learning Assessment credit (PLA) may include competency examinations, employer training programs, military service, and other learning experiences. PLA credit is only awarded for college level learning.

A student may earn up to 60 total semester hours of PLA credit, including up to 24 semester hours of portfolio credit. PLA credit may apply to general education requirements, and may count toward major and minor requirements. PLA credit awarded by UTC may be included in the last 24 hours of coursework at UTC.

~~Contingent on department head approval, UTC may award~~ Examples of these types of PLA credit ~~that UTC accepts are:~~

- Advanced Placement (AP)
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)
- International Baccalaureate Credit (IB)
- Credit by Special Examination (Challenge Exam)
- Military Service Credit
- Portfolio Assessment Credit

~~———— American Council of Education (ACE) college level credit recommendations~~

Other types of PLA may be ~~awarded~~ accepted.

All PLA credit is entered on the academic record as Satisfactory Credit. The Undergraduate Admissions Office must receive official test score reports and/or transcripts. Other supporting documentation may also be required. ~~For ACE credit recommendations, an ACE transcript must be submitted to the Admissions Office.~~ Contact the appropriate academic department for information regarding Credit by Special Exam.

Students seeking Portfolio Assessment Credit must contact their major department to determine whether the prior learning is college level. The student may then contact the Integrated Studies program for assistance with the approval process <http://www.utc.edu/integrated-studies/prior-learning-assessment.php>. Completion of INTS 3010 and submission of a portfolio may be required.

Students may request an exception by submitting a completed petition form to the Undergraduate Petitions Committee. The Undergraduate Student Petition form is located online on the Office of the University Registrar website at www.utc.edu/registrar/forms.php.