



WINONA
STATE UNIVERSITY

Administrative Number: 3-35
Responsible Office: Adult & Continuing Education
Responsible Officer: Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

Policy on: Credit for Prior Learning

Purpose:

This policy defines Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities for students admitted to Winona State University.

Policy:

Section 1 - Opportunities:

WSU provides current, comprehensive, and accessible information on credit for prior learning opportunities to prospective and admitted students as part of degree planning and advising. Enrolled students may demonstrate college- and university-level learning that applies to their courses, programs, or degree requirements. Credit for prior learning opportunities include CPL – External Assessments, CPL – Internal Assessments, and/or military courses and military occupations.

Section 2 - Awarding Credit:

WSU determines the amount of credit awarded to students who demonstrate prior learning at the college or university level that is equivalent to one or more courses in the WSU course catalog. WSU also awards credit to students who demonstrate prior learning at the college or university level that is individualized or interdisciplinary. Credits awarded for prior learning may fulfill general, Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC), major/minor requirements, and/or elective courses.

Section 3 - College and University Transfer

WSU accepts credits for prior learning awarded by another college or university in transfer in accordance with System Procedure 3.21.1 (Undergraduate Course Credit Transfer). There are currently no System Policies or Procedures related to Graduate Credit Transfer.

Section 4 - Appeals

Students may appeal credit for prior learning assessment decisions. Appeals will follow the WSU Academic Integrity Policy as published on the WSU website.

President's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Responsible Officer's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Definitions:

a. Credit for Prior Learning (CPL): Academic credit awarded for demonstrated college- and university-level learning gained through learning experiences outside of the college or university classroom, assessed by academically sound and rigorous methods and processes.

b. CPL – External Assessments: Assessment methods and processes used by a nationally recognized third-party assessment agency or organization, a regionally or nationally accredited postsecondary institution, or a provider of noncredit instruction that could result in credit for prior learning. Students demonstrate a level of proficiency that is recognized through curriculum, instruction, program, or standardized examination. CPL external assessment types may include AP, IB, CLEP, and other national standardized assessments; world languages seals and certificates; industry recognized credentials, licenses, and certifications; and noncredit instruction in programs such as registered apprenticeships, continuing education, and customized training.

c. CPL – Internal Assessments: Assessment methods and processes used by Winona State faculty members to evaluate students' demonstrated learning and/or competence. Such assessments determine competence-to-credit comparability, course-equivalency or individualized subject status, and application to degree requirements or electives. CPL internal assessment types include, but are not limited to, credit by exam, prior learning portfolio assessment, individualized subject-area assessment, group or seminar assessment, and competency-based assessment.

d. Military courses: A curriculum with measurable outcomes and learning assessments that service members are required to successfully complete based on their military occupation.

e. Military occupations: A service member's job(s) while in the military.

f. Prior Learning: Learning gained in life, community and/or work-based settings, and through experiences outside of the college or university credit-bearing course, including but not limited to independent study, life experience and reflection, non-credit study programs, career education, continuing education, online learning or instruction, training or certificate programs, volunteer or community service, travel, or non-college courses or seminars.

Subsequent Procedures:

Related documents

a. WSU Procedure 3-35-A - Credit for Prior Learning - External Assessments

b. WSU Procedure 3-35-B - Credit for Prior Learning - Internal Assessments

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