



SANDBURG

Credit Granting Guide 25-26

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Credit Types

Students enrolled at Carl Sandburg College may receive credit for prior experience in the following categories:

- Advanced Placement Program (AP)
- Bi-Literacy Seal
- Credits earned at accredited colleges or universities from those institutions listed in the American Council on Education's Accredited Institutions of Postsecondary Education
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES)/ United States Armed Forces Institute (USAF)
- International Baccalaureate Exam (IB)
- Military Service & Military Service Schools
- Miscellaneous Credit Approved by Carl Sandburg College Faculty Assembly

Students must earn a minimum of 15 hours of the required total for degrees, and one third of the required hours for certificates through completion of classes at the Carl Sandburg College to be awarded the degree or certificate.

All credit hours awarded are in semester hours.

Approval for the various credits described in this guide have been made by the Carl Sandburg College Faculty Assembly.

The student must formally request evaluation of credit by submitting this completed form to:

Carl Sandburg College
 Admissions & Records Office, E100
 2400 Tom L. Wilson Blvd.
 Galesburg, IL 61401

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Carl Sandburg College will award credit for Advanced Placement (AP) exams based upon recommended scores determined by appropriate Sandburg academic departments. Any score of three (3) or better will be accepted as credit; however, the listed score will be required to meet the course equivalent. Credit will be awarded as follows:

AP Subject	AP Score	Course Credited	Credit Hours
Art History	3, 4 or 5	ART 112	3
		ART 113	3
2-D Art & Design	3, 4 or 5	ART 121	3
3-D Art & Design	3, 4 or 5	ART 122	3
Drawing	3, 5 or 5	ART 131	3
Biology	3, 4 or 5	BIO 101	4
Calculus AB	3, 4 or 5	MAT 240	5
Calculus BC	3	MAT 240	5
Calculus BC	4 or 5	MAT 240	5
		MAT 241	5
Chemistry	3	CHM 110	4
Chemistry	4 or 5	CHM 110	4
		CHM 120	4

Chinese Language & Culture	3	Elective Credit	4
Chinese Language & Culture	4 or 5	Elective Credit	8
Computer Science A	3, 4 or 5	ICT 131	3
Computer Science Principles	3, 4 or 5	ICT 120	3
English Language & Comp	3, 4 or 5	ENG 101	3
English Literature & Comp	3, 4 or 5	ENG 160	3
Environmental Science	3, 4 or 5	BIO 120	3
European History	3, 4 or 5	Elective credit	6

French Language	3	FRE 101	3
French Language	4 or 5	FRE 101 FRE 102	4 4
German Language	3	GER 101	4
German Language	4 or 5	GER 101 GER 102	4 4
African American Studies	3, 4 or 5	Elective Credit	3

Comparative Government & Politics	3, 4 or 5	POS 267	3
U.S. Government & Politics	3, 4 or 5	POS 122	3
Human Geography	3, 4 or 5	GEO 100	3
Italian Language & Culture	3	Elective credit	4
Italian Language & Culture	4 or 5	Elective credit	8
Japanese Language & Culture	3	Elective credit	4
Japanese Language & Culture	4 or 5	Elective credit	8
Latin Literature	3	Elective credit	4
Latin Literature	4 or 5	Elective credit	8
Macroeconomics	3, 4 or 5	ECO 201	3
Microeconomics	3, 4 or 5	ECO 202	3
Music Theory	3, 4 or 5	Elective credit	3
Physics 1: Algebra	3, 4 or 5	PHY 151	5
Physics 2: Algebra	3, 4 or 5	PHY 152	5
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3, 4 or 5	PHY 162	5
Physics C: Mechanics	3, 4 or 5	PHY 161	5
Precalculus	3	MAT 130	4
Precalculus	4 or 5	MAT 130 MAT 140	4 3
Psychology	3, 4 or 5	PSY 101	3
Spanish Language & Culture	3	SPN 101	4
Spanish Language & Culture	4	SPN 101 SPN 102	4 4

Spanish Language & Culture	5	SPN 101 SPN 102 SPN 201 SPN 202	4 4 3 3
Spanish Literature & Culture	3, 4 or 5	Elective credit	8
Statistics	3, 4 or 5	MAT 210	3
U.S. History	3, 4 or 5	HIS 105 HIS 106	3 3
World History - Modern	3, 4 or 5	HIS 125 HIS 126	3 3

BILITERACY SEAL OF APPROVAL

The Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy posted to a student's high school transcript will be evaluated as twelve (12) credit hours of foreign language coursework at Carl Sandburg College (levels 151, 152, and 251). Credit granted will be based on foreign language course equivalencies, or elective credit.

Credit must be applied to the college transcript within three academic years of high school graduation.

CARL SANDBURG COLLEGE PROFICIENCY EXAMINATIONS

In accordance with state and federal legislation, as well as, accreditation guidelines, Carl Sandburg College offers optional proficiency assessments to determine if a student has already obtained the knowledge and the skills taught in a particular course. Assessments are provided and evaluated prior to the student taking the course. Credit may also be given for previous training, awarded professional certificates, and/or awarded state or federal licenses and certificates. Awarding of credit is at the discretion of the department.

CREDITS FROM ACCREDITED COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES

Students who have attended other colleges or universities may transfer credit to Carl Sandburg College according to the following conditions and on submission of official transcripts:

- The college or university previously attended must be accredited by an American Council on Education (ACE) approved accreditation association.

- The agency and or organization has an approved credit granting agreement with Carl Sandburg College.
- Credit will be granted for courses in which a grade of C or better has been earned.
- Credit will also be awarded for courses in which a grade of D has been earned providing the student's overall grade point average is a 2.0 or better unless otherwise stated by specific Carl Sandburg College program requirements.
- Only credit hours are transferable. Grades associated with the credit are not transferable nor are they included in computing the student's cumulative grade point average at Carl Sandburg College.
- Transfer credit will only be accepted for courses applicable to the student's Carl Sandburg College program. Only courses applicable to the student's Carl Sandburg College academic program are accepted in transfer. Should the student's program change, the student may request a re-evaluation of previously earned credits.

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

The College recognizes undergraduate achievement as measured by both the general and subject examinations of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Scores may be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office for evaluation, and if the level of achievement is at or above the minimum standards and score levels established by the College, credit may be granted. Carl Sandburg College follows the guidelines of the American Council on Education in accepting CLEP credit. Students may earn up to 24 hours of credit from the general examinations of the College Level Examination Program in the areas of humanities, mathematics, natural sciences and social sciences. In addition, many of the CLEP subject examinations may be accepted for credit based upon the score recommendations of the American Council on Education.

Students should discuss the CLEP options with the Registrar's office prior to registering for any of the examinations. Regardless of the number of hours earned through CLEP, the student must meet the College's residency requirement for graduation.

	Computer Based Testing (CBT) and Paper and Pencil Testing		
	ACE Recommended Score	Course Credited	Credit Hours
Business			
Financial Accounting	50	ACC 101	3
Information Systems	50	ICT 120	3
Introductory Business Law	50	BLA 201	3
Principles of Management	50	BUS 205	3
Principles of Marketing	50	BUS 101	3
Composition and Literature			
American Literature	50	ENG 221	3
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	AA/AS Elective	3
College Composition	50	ENG 101 & 102	6
College Composition Modular	50	ENG 101	3
English Literature	50	ENG 231 & 232	6
Humanities	50	AA/AS Humanities Gen Ed	3
World Languages			
French Language, Level 1	50	FRE 101 & 102	8

French Language, Level 2	59	N/A	--
German Language, Level 1	50 60	GER 101 GER 101 &102	4 8
German Language, Level 2	60	N/A	--
Spanish Language, Level 1	50	SPN 101 & 102	8
Spanish Language, Level 2	63	SPN 201 & 202	6
Spanish with Writing Level 1	-	-	--
Spanish with Writing Level 2	-	-	--

History and Social Sciences			
American Government	50	POS 122	3
History of the United States I:	50	HIS 105	3
History of the United States II:	50	HIS 106	3
Human Growth and Development	50	PSY 265	3
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	EDU 201	3
Introductory Psychology	50	PSY 101	3
Introductory Sociology	50	SOC 101	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	ECO 201	3
Principles of Microeconomics	50	ECO 202	3
Social Sciences and History	50	AA/AS Elective	6
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	HIS 125	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	50	HIS 126	3
Science and Mathematics			
Biology	50	BIO 101	4

Calculus	50	MAT 240	5
Chemistry	50	CHM 110 & 120	8
College Algebra	50	MAT 130	4
College Mathematics	50	MAT 109	3
Natural Sciences	50	AA/AS Life Sci Gen Ed	4
Pre-calculus	50	MAT 130	4

DEFENSE ACTIVITY FOR NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT

(DANTES)/UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES INSTITUTE (USAFI)

Credit may be given for coursework applicable to a Carl Sandburg College curriculum, which was taken through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) or under the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI), provided the course is recommended by the American Council on Education. The student must submit official transcripts indicating satisfactory completion of the work to the Admissions and Records Office.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAM

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program is a challenging curriculum offered to high school students around the world between the ages of 16 to 19. The curriculum is designed to prepare high school students for the transition into advanced post-secondary coursework.

MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT

Credit for three (3) semester hours of physical education and three (3) semester hours of health education credit will be awarded to members or former members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have completed six months or more of basic or recruit training and have been honorably discharged or have transferred to the reserve component (includes the Army, the Air National Guard, and the Coast Guard). To receive this credit, the student must submit a petition to the Admissions and Records Office along with separation papers (DD214).

Certain experiences in military service may be submitted to the Admissions and Records

Office for evaluation. The recommendations contained in "A Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services" by the American Council on Education are used as a basis for such evaluations. For service members Army, Army National Guard, Marines, Navy, and Coast Guard, to request transcript for review for credit at Carl Sandburg College, please visit <https://jst.doded.mil>. For service members in the Air Force, you may contact <http://www.airuniversity.af.mil/Barnes/CCAF/> to request transcripts for review for credit.