

Nontraditional Credit Policies

Nontraditional Credit

Academic credit may be awarded to students who demonstrate mastery of knowledge or skills that were acquired outside of an accredited college or university. Nontraditional credit evaluations are available for accepted degree-seeking UAA students. Credit is granted for coursework for which students show documented achievement of equivalent outcomes. UAA faculty have evaluated specific training programs, exams and certifications in a number of disciplines and have determined that those listed below may result in the award of academic credit. The discipline and number of credits are established by the faculty and reviewed on a regular basis. Use of nontraditional credit to complete certificate or degree requirements may be limited; students should see their academic advisor for more information.

See below for more detailed information. Courses that have an * in front of the course title satisfy General Education Requirements.

Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Credit may be awarded for successful completion of the AP examination. Credit awarded for examinations may be elective credit. A student may work with an individual department to determine if more specific course credit may be awarded for a specific examination.

A student desiring credit for an AP examination must request that an official report of examination scores be sent to the UAA Office of the Registrar. Credit may be received for more than one AP examination.

Arts

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Art History	3	ART A261 *History of Western Art I (3 cr.) and ART A262 *History of Western Art II (3 cr.)	6
Music Theory	4	MUS A111 Fundamentals of Music	3
Studio Art	3	ART 100-level elective	4

English

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
English Language and Composition	3	WRTG A111 *Introduction to Composition	3
English Literature and Composition	3	ENGL A121 *Introduction to Literature	3

History and Social Sciences

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Comparative Government and Politics	3	PS 100-level Social Sciences GER	3
European History	3	HIST A101 *Western Civilization I HIST A102 *Western Civilization II	6

Human Geography	3	GEOG 100-level Social Sciences GER	3
Macroeconomics	3	ECON A201 *Principles of Macroeconomics	3
Microeconomics	3	ECON A202 *Principles of Microeconomics	3
Psychology	3	PSY A111 *General Psychology	3
United States Government and Politics	3	PS A101 *Introduction to American Government	3
United States History	3	HIST A131 *History of the United States I HIST A132 *History of the United States II	6
World History	3	HIST A101 *Western Civilization I	3

Math and Computer Science

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Calculus AB	4	MATH A251 *Calculus I	4
Calculus BC	4	MATH A251 *Calculus I (4 cr.) and MATH A252 *Calculus II (4 cr.)	8
Computer Science A	3	CSCE A201 Computer Programming I	4
Statistics	3	STAT A200 *Elementary Statistics	3

Sciences

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Biology	4	BIOL A102 *Introductory Biology (3 cr.) and BIOL A103 *Introductory Biology Lab (1 cr.) and 100-level BIOL elective (4 cr.)	8
Biology	5	BIOL A108 *Principles and Methods in Biology	6
Chemistry	3	CHEM A105 *General Chemistry I (3 cr.) and CHEM A105L *General Chemistry I Lab (1 cr.)	4
Chemistry	4	CHEM A105 *General Chemistry I (3 cr.) and CHEM A105L *General Chemistry I Lab (1 cr.) and CHEM A106 *General Chemistry II (3 cr.) and CHEM A106L *General Chemistry II Lab (1 cr.)	8
Environmental Science	3	ENVI A211 *Environmental Science (3 cr.) and ENVI A211L *Environmental Science Lab (1 cr.)	4
Physics 1	4	PHYS 100-level Natural Science with lab GER	4
Physics 2	4	PHYS 100-level Natural Science with lab GER	4
Physics C: Mechanics	4	PHYS 200-level Natural Science with lab GER	4
Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism	4	PHYS 200-level Natural Science with lab GER	4

World Languages and Cultures

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Chinese Language and Culture	3	CHIN A101 *First Year Chinese I (4 cr.) and CHIN A102 *First Year Chinese II (4 cr.)	8
French Language and Culture	4	FREN A101 *Elementary French I (4 cr.) and FREN A102 *Elementary French II (4 cr.)	8
German Language and Culture	4	GER A101 *Elementary German I (4 cr.) and GER A102 *Elementary German II (4 cr.)	8
Italian Language and Culture	4	LANG 100-level Humanities GER	8
Japanese Language and Culture	3	JPN A101 *First Year Japanese I (4 cr.) and JPN A102 *First Year Japanese II (4 cr.)	8

Latin	3	LAT 100-level Humanities GER	6
Spanish Language and Culture	4	SPAN A101 *Elementary Spanish I (4 cr.) and SPAN A102 *Elementary Spanish II (4 cr.)	8
Spanish Literature and Culture	4	SPAN A201 *Intermediate Spanish I (4 cr.) and SPAN A202 *Intermediate Spanish II (4 cr.)	8

Certified Experience Credit

UAA may award elective or specific course credit for learning that is documented with a professional certification or completion of exams that lead to certification. These certificates indicate that individuals have met certain standards and demonstrated specific competencies. Pre-approved Certified Experience Credit can be accessed from the Certified Experience Credit Student Form (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/registrar/_documents/Certified%20Experience%20Student%20Form.pdf) on the Registrar's website. Students should contact departments directly with questions about specific certifications.

UAA does not accept recommendations related to massive open online courses (MOOCs) at this time.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Credit may be awarded for successful completion of the CLEP examination. Credit awarded for examinations may be elective credit. A student may work with an individual department to determine if more specific course credit may be awarded for a specific examination.

A student desiring credit for a CLEP examination must request that an official report of examination scores be sent to the UAA Office of the Registrar. Credit may be received for more than one CLEP examination.

Composition and Literature

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
American Literature	50	ENGL 200-level Humanities GER	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	ENGL 100-level elective	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	58	ENGL A121 *Introduction to Literature (with successfully passed UAA English Department assigned essay)	3
College Composition	50	WRTG A111 *Introduction to Composition	3
College Composition Modular	50	WRTG A111 *Introduction to Composition (with successfully passed UAA English Department assigned essay)	3
English Literature	50	ENGL 200-level Humanities GER	3

Foreign Languages

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
French Language	55	FREN A101 *Elementary French I (4 cr.) and FREN A102 *Elementary French II (4 cr.)	8
French Language	72	FREN A101 *Elementary French I (4 cr.) and FREN A102 *Elementary French II (4 cr.) and FREN A201 *Intermediate French I (4 cr.) and FREN A202 *Intermediate French II (4 cr.)	16

German Language	55	GER A101 *Elementary German I (4 cr.) and GER A102 *Elementary German II (4 cr.)	8
German Language	72	GER A101 *Elementary German I (4 cr.) and GER A102 *Elementary German II (4 cr.) and GER A201 *Intermediate German I (4 cr.) and GER A202 *Intermediate German II (4 cr.)	16
Spanish Language	55	SPAN A101 *Elementary Spanish I (4 cr.) and SPAN A102 *Elementary Spanish II (4 cr.)	8
Spanish Language	72	SPAN A101 *Elementary Spanish I (4 cr.) and SPAN A102 *Elementary Spanish II (4 cr.) and SPAN A201 *Intermediate Spanish I (4 cr.) and SPAN A202 *Intermediate Spanish II (4 cr.)	16

History and Social Sciences

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
American Government	50	PS A101 *Introduction to American Government	3
Human Growth and Development	50	PSY A150 *Lifespan Development	3
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	EDFN A100-level elective	3
Principles of Microeconomics	58	ECON A202 *Principles of Microeconomics	3
Introductory Psychology	50	PSY A111 *General Psychology	3
Introductory Sociology	50	SOC A101 *Introduction to Sociology	3
Social Sciences and History	58	SSCI 100-level Social Science GER (3 cr.) and SSCI 100-level Humanities GER (3 cr.)	6

Science and Mathematics

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Biology	58	BIOL A102 *Introductory Biology (3 cr.) and BIOL A103 *Introductory Biology Lab (1 cr.)	4
Calculus	50	MATH A251 *Calculus I	4
Chemistry	50	CHEM A105 *General Chemistry I and CHEM A105L *General Chemistry I lab and CHEM A106 *General Chemistry II and CHEM A106L *General Chemistry II lab	8
College Algebra	50	MATH A151 *College Algebra for Calculus	4
College Mathematics	50	MATH 100-level elective	6
Natural Sciences	50	BIOL A102 *Introductory Biology (3 cr.) and NSCI 100-level elective (3 cr.)	6
Pre-calculus	50	MATH 100-level Quantitative Skills GER	3

Business

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Financial Accounting	50	ACCT A201 Principles of Financial Accounting	3
Information Systems (formerly Information Systems and Computer Applications)	50	CIO100 100-level elective	3
Introductory Business Law	50	BA 100-level elective	3

Principles of Management	50	BA 200-level elective	3
Principles of Marketing	50	BA 200-level elective	3

Credit for Prerequisite Not Taken

An accepted degree-seeking UAA student who has completed a UAA course with a grade of C or higher may be eligible to receive credit for the prerequisite course. This applies only to specific UAA catalog courses approved in advance by the UAA program, which also determines the number and level of credits awarded. Credit for prerequisite not taken does not apply to credit earned through other nontraditional credit procedures, nor to special topics (-93) or independent study (-97) courses. Students complete a form (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/registrar/registrarforms.cshtml>) and pay an administrative fee to have the credit applied to their transcript. A pass (P) grade will be transcribed.

The approved UAA courses are included in the sections below.

Alaska Native Language Credit for Prerequisite Not Taken

An accepted degree-seeking UAA student who has completed AKNS A102A, AKNS A102B, AKNS A102C, AKNS A102D or AKNS A102E with a grade of C or higher is eligible to receive credit for the preceding course AKNS A101A, AKNS A101B, AKNS A101C, AKNS A101D or AKNS A101E. To receive credit, students must submit the appropriate form (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/registrar/registrarforms.cshtml>) to the Office of the Registrar and pay an administrative fee.

Language Credit for Prerequisite Not Taken

An accepted degree-seeking UAA student who has completed one of the Department of Languages UAA catalog courses (A102-A301) in residence with a grade of C or higher is eligible to receive credit for the two immediately preceding courses, if any, up to a total of 8 credits, not to exceed the level of A202. Language Credit for Prerequisite Not Taken is limited to one time per language. This policy does not apply to credit earned through Department of Languages literature or culture courses. To receive this credit, students must submit the appropriate form (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/registrar/registrarforms.cshtml>) to the Office of the Registrar and pay an administrative fee.

Writing Credit for Prerequisite Not Taken

Admitted, degree-seeking UAA students with ACT or SAT scores that place them in 200-level WRTG courses may receive credit by placement for WRTG A111 upon successful completion of WRTG A211, WRTG A212, WRTG A213 or WRTG A214 with a grade of C or better. Students who transfer in a 200-level or higher Written Communications GER course with a grade of C or higher and who have not completed the six credit Written Communications Skills GER may also receive credit for WRTG A111. To receive this credit, students must submit the appropriate form (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/registrar/registrarforms.cshtml>) to the Office of the Registrar and pay an administrative fee.

DSST Examinations

Credit may be awarded for successful completion of the DSST (formerly known as DANTES) examination. Credit awarded for examinations may be elective credit. A student may work with an individual department to determine if more specific course credit may be awarded for a specific examination.

A student desiring credit for a DSST examination must request that an official report of examination scores be sent to the UAA Office of the Registrar. Credit may be received for more than one DSST examination.

Business

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Business Ethics and Society (475)	400	PHIL 200-level elective	3
Business Law II (534) (accepted but no longer offered by DSST)	65	BA 300-level elective	3
Business Mathematics (812)	48 or 400	MATH 100-level elective	3
Human Resource Management (530)	46 or 400	BA 200-level elective	3
Introduction to Business (543)	46 or 400	BA A151 *Business Foundations	3
Computing and Information Technology (536)	45 or 400	CIOIS 100-level elective	3
Management Information Systems (551)	400	CIS 200-level elective	3
Organizational Behavior (531)	48 or 400	BA 200-level elective	3
Personal Finance (550)	46 or 400	BA A131 Personal Finance	3
Principles of Advanced English Composition (301)	400	Placement into WRTG A211, WRTG A212, WRTG A213 or WRTG A214 (eligible to receive credit with submission of appropriate form for WRTG A111 upon completion of 200-level WRTG course with a minimum grade of C)	
Principles of Finance (524)	46 or 400	BA 100-level elective	3
Principles of Financial Accounting (525) (accepted but no longer offered by DSST)	47 or 400	ACCT A201 Principles of Financial Accounting	3
Principles of Supervision (532)	46 or 400	BA A231 Fundamentals of Supervision	3

English

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Technical Writing (820)	46 or 400	ENGL 100-level elective or WRTG A212 *Writing and the Professions (with successfully passed UAA English Department assigned essay)	3

Humanities

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Art of the Western World (461)	48 or 400	ART A262 *History of Western Art II	3
Ethics in America (474)	400	PHIL 200-level Humanities Elective or PHIL 200-level Humanities GER (with successfully passed UAA Philosophy Department assigned essay)	3
Introduction to World Religions (496)	400	PHIL 200-level Humanities GER	3

Math

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Fundamentals of College Algebra (424)	47 or 400	MATH A105 Intermediate Algebra	3
Principles of Statistics (450)	48 or 400	STAT A200 *Elementary Statistics	3

Physical Science

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Astronomy (500)	48 or 400	ASTR 100-level Natural Sciences Lecture GER	3
Environment and Humanity: The Race to Save the Planet (511)	46 or 400	NSCI 100-level elective	3
Health and Human Development (508)	400	HLTH 200-level elective	3
Physical Geology (519) (accepted but no longer offered by DSST)	46	GEOL 100-level Natural Sciences Lecture GER	3
Principles of Physical Science I (512)	47 or 400	NSCI 100-level Natural Sciences Lecture GER	3

Social Science

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Criminal Justice (498)	400	JUST 200-level elective	3
Foundations of Education (489)	46 or 400	EDFN 200-level elective	3
Fundamentals of Counseling (562)	45 or 400	PSY 200-level elective	3
General Anthropology (494)	47 or 400	ANTH A101 *Intro to Anthropology	3

Human/Cultural Geography (470)	48 or 400	GEOG 100-level Social Science GER	3
Introduction to Law Enforcement	45 or 400	JUST 100-level elective	3
Lifespan Development Psychology (490)	46 or 400	PSY A150 *Lifespan Development	3
Substance Abuse (495)	426	HS 300-level elective	3

UExcel Examinations

Credit may be awarded for successful completion of the UExcel examination. Credit awarded for UExcel examinations is elective credit. A student may work with an individual department to determine if more specific course credit may be awarded for a specific examination.

A student desiring credit for the UExcel examination must request that an official report of examination scores be sent to the UAA Office of the Registrar. Credit may be received for more than one UExcel examination.

UExcel: Business

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Business Ethics (BUSX-323)	C	300-level BA elective	3
Business Law (BUSX-230)	C	200-level BA elective	3
Financial Accounting (ACCX-211)	C	200-level ACCT elective	3
Managerial Accounting (ACCS-212)	C	200-level ACCT elective	3
Human Resource Management (BUSX-410)	C	300-level BA elective	3
Introduction to Macroeconomics (ECOX-262)	C	200-level ECON elective	3
Introduction to Microeconomics (ECOX-260)	C	200-level ECON elective	3
Labor Relations (BUSX-360)	C	300-level BA elective	3
Operations Management (BUSX-425)	C	300-level BA elective	3
Organizational Behavior (BUSX-315)	C	300-level BA elective	3
Principles of Finance (BUSX-350)	C	300-level BA elective	3
Principles of Management (BUSX-240)	C	200-level BA elective	3
Principles of Marketing (BUSX-250)	C	200-level BA elective	3

Quantitative Analysis (BUSX-437)	C	400-level BA elective	3
Workplace Communication with Computers (BUSX-220)	C	200-level BA elective	3

UExcel: Humanities

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Bioethics: Philosophical Issues (HUMX-310)	C	300-level PHIL elective	3
College Writing (ENGX-110)	C	100-level ENGL elective	3
English Composition (ENGX-111)	C	100-level ENGL elective	6
Ethics: Theory and Practice (PHIX-310)	C	300-level PHIL elective	3
Introduction to Music (MUSX-101)	C	100-level MUS elective	3
Introduction to Philosophy (PHIX-101)	C	200-level PHIL elective	3
Interpersonal Communication (COMX-215)	C	200-level COMM elective	3
Literacy Instruction in the Elementary School (EDUX-310)	C	300-level EDEL elective	6
Spanish Language (SPAX-102)	C	100-level SPAN elective	6

UExcel: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Anatomy & Physiology (BIOX-210)	C	200-level BIOL elective	6
Basic Genetics (BIOX-250)	C	200-level BIOL elective	3
Calculus (MATX-150)	C	200-level MATH elective	4
Contemporary Mathematics (MATX-100)	C	100-level MATH elective	3
Earth Science (GEOX-101)	C	100-level GEOL elective	3
Microbiology (BIOX-220)	C	200-level BIOL elective	3
Pathophysiology (BIOX-410)	C	400-level BIOL elective	3
Physics (PHYX-140)	C	100-level PHYS elective	3

Precalculus Algebra (MATX-116)	C	100-level MATH elective	3
Statistics (MATX-210)	C	200-level STAT elective	3

UExcel: Nursing

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Transition to the Professional Nurse Role (NURX-108)	C	100-level NURS elective	3
Foundations in Nursing Practice (NURX-109)	C	100-level NURS elective	3
Reproductive Health (NURX-209)	C	200-level NURS elective	3
Fundamentals of Nursing (NURX-210)	C	200-level NURS elective	8
Maternal and Child Nursing (Associate) (NURX-220)	C	200-level NURS elective	6
Adult Nursing (NURX-310)	C	300-level NURS elective	8
Maternal and Child Nursing (Baccalaureate) (NURX-315)	C	300-level NURS elective	8
Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing (NURX-320)	C	300-level NURS elective	8

ECE: Nursing Theory

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Safety (NURX-104)	C	100-level NURS elective	3
Essentials of Nursing Care: Health Differences (NURX-105)	C	100-level NURS elective	3
Essentials of Nursing Care: Chronicity (NURX-106)	C	100-level NURS elective	3
Health Differences Across the Lifespan 1 (NURX-211)	C	200-level NURS elective	3
Health Differences Across the Lifespan 2 (NURX-212)	C	200-level NURS elective	3

Health Differences Across the Lifespan 3 (NURX-213)	C	200-level NURS elective	3
Transition to the Registered Professional Nurse Role (NURX-214)	C	200-level NURS elective	3
Research in Nursing (NURX-430)	C	400-level NURS elective	3
Community-Focused Nursing (NURX-448)	C	400-level NURS elective	3

UExcel: Social Science and History

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
Abnormal Psychology (PSYX-310)	C	300-level PSY elective	3
Cultural Diversity (SOCX-305)	C	300-level SOC elective	3
Foundations of Gerontology (SOCX-310)	C	300-level SOC elective	3
Introduction to Psychology (PSYX-101)	C	100-level PSY elective	3
Introduction to Sociology (SOCX-105)	C	100-level SOC elective	3
Juvenile Delinquency (SOCX-320)	C	300-level JUST elective	3
Lifespan Developmental Psychology (PSYX-210)	C	100-level PSY elective	3
Political Science (POLX-170)	C	100-level PS elective	3
Psychology of Adulthood and Aging (PSYX-315)	C	300-level PSY elective	3
Research Methods in Psychology (PSYX-365)	C	300-level PSY elective	3
Social Psychology (PSYX-325)	C	300-level PSY elective	3
World Conflicts Since 1900 (HISX-340)	C	300-level PS elective	3
World Population (SOCX-330)	C	300-level SOC elective	3

International Baccalaureate

UAA awards credit for satisfactory performance (a score of 5 or higher) on the International Baccalaureate Higher Level Examinations. To receive this credit, students must request that an official report of examination scores be sent to the UAA Office of the Registrar.

Test	Min. Score	UAA Equivalent	Credits
ART: Film Art	5	ART 100-level elective	3
BIOL: Biol	5	BIOL A108	6
ENGL: English Literature	5	WRTG A111	3
HIST: American History	5	HIST 100-level elective	3
HIST: European History	5	HIST 100-level elective	3
PSY: Psychology	5	PSY A111, PSY 100-level elective	6
SPAN: Spanish B 5-6	5-6	SPAN A101, SPAN A102	8
SPAN: Spanish B 7	7	SPAN A101, SPAN A102, SPAN A201	12
FREN: French B 5-6	5-6	FREN A101, FREN A102	8
FREN: French B 7	7	FREN A101, FREN A102, FREN A201	12
GER: German B 5-6	5-6	GER A101, GER A102	8
GER: German B 7	7	GER A101, GER A102, GER A201	12

Local Credit by Examination

Accepted degree- or certificate-seeking students may be awarded credit through locally developed comprehensive examinations on specific subjects. However, credit by examination is not available for all courses. Applications for and information on specific courses available through local credit by examination may be obtained from departments. There is a fee charged for local credit by examination.

General criteria for local credit by examination include:

1. Courses with numbers below 100 may not be taken through credit by examination.
2. Only regular catalog courses may be challenged. Special topics courses, trial courses, independent study courses and practicum courses may not be taken through credit by examination.
3. When an appropriate examination exists, CLEP, DSST, ACT-PEP or other national examinations may be administered instead of a local examination.
4. Determination of which courses may be taken through local credit by examination and construction of the examinations is at the discretion of the appropriate department.
5. Local credit by examination is not awarded for a course that duplicates one for which credit has already been granted.
6. Students are awarded credit and a grade of P (pass) if they successfully pass the local examination. If the examination is not passed, the course is not recorded on the student's transcript. Grades for courses taken through local credit by examination do not carry grade points used in calculating a student's UAA GPA.
7. Credit awarded through local credit by examination is considered nonresident credit.
8. There is no limit to the number of credits that may be acquired through the local credit by examination process.

9. Students have one year from the date of application to take the local examination.

Military Credit

Elective credits may be awarded to students who have completed active-duty military service in accordance with ACE Guide credit use.

Additionally, credits may be granted for formal service schools and the primary MOS/rating as recommended in the Guide to the Evaluation of Education Experiences in the Armed Services prepared by the American Council on Education. Students who wish to use military credit to meet degree requirements should work with an academic advisor to submit a Request for Evaluation of Military Training - JST (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/registrar/registrarforms.cshtml>) or Request for Evaluation of CCAF Credit (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/students/registrar/registrarforms.cshtml>) (Community College of the Air Force).