



CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING (NON-TRADITIONAL CREDIT)

Delgado Community College may award college credit for knowledge gained through private study and/or work experience. *These credits are typically referred to as [prior learning \(non-traditional\) credits](#) and also include the award of credit for non-credit coursework.*

The types of prior learning (non-traditional) credit available at Delgado are [Advanced Placement](#), [College Board Advanced Placement Credit](#), [College Level Examination Program \(CLEP\)](#), [Credit Examinations](#), [Life Experience Assessment Program \(LEAP\)](#), [DSST \(DANTES Subject Standardized Tests\)](#), [Industry-Based Certification Credit](#), [Military Credits](#), [Technical College Credit](#), [Correspondence Credits](#), Credit for Non-Credit Coursework (through [LEAP](#) and/or [Credit Examinations](#)), and [Prior Learning \(Non-Traditional\) Credits from Other Institutions](#).

Specific policies and procedures have been established for the granting of college credit for prior learning (from non-traditional sources):

1. A student must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program beyond the official Census day of enrollment in order to request prior learning (non-traditional) credit. Credits may be requested only for [courses that are offered by Delgado](#).
2. Dual enrollment students are eligible to seek Prior Learning Credits in Advanced Placement, CLEP, Industry-Based Certifications, and College Board Advanced Placement Credit.
3. The prior learning (non-traditional) credit granting process must be requested and completed by the midterm of the semester in which it has been requested.
4. Only three (3) prior learning (non-traditional) credit hours may be earned **after the student enrolls** for any of the final 12 hours of credit toward a degree or certificate.
5. Semester hours of credit earned through prior learning (non-traditional sources) are assigned a grade of "P." No quality points are earned, and such credit is not added into the student's grade point average. Prior learning (non-traditional) credits are identified on the student's transcript as credit granted through prior learning (non-traditional sources).
6. A maximum of 24 semester credit hours may be awarded from prior learning (non-traditional sources).
7. Prior learning (non-traditional) credit cannot be awarded in a course that a student has previously completed or enrolled in at any college (excluding coursework completed before Academic Amnesty is declared for which the student earned a grade of "C" or higher).

8. No more than one-third of credits needed in Required Major Courses (those courses which require a minimum grade of "C") may be obtained from prior learning (non-traditional sources).
9. Students who plan to use credit from prior learning (non-traditional sources) to meet the degree requirements of other institutions should check the requirements of the receiving institution, as this type of credit is often re-evaluated by the receiving institution.

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