

# BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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AREA: Academic Affairs

NUMBER: Policy 2.05

SUBJECT: Earning Non-Traditional Undergraduate Credit

Although credits earned in a traditional format are preferred by Blue Mountain College, alternate ways of validating prior learning or credits from external sources are described below. The student's advisor, usually a department chair, and/or the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Blue Mountain College must approve in advance such credits in accordance with Policy 2.16: Requirements for Graduation. The maximum combined total of 30 semester hours of credit may be earned through CLEP, AP, and correspondence credit.

### 1. Credit by Examination

Blue Mountain College performs testing services for credit by examination.

#### A. CLEP (College Level Examination Program)

A student may earn credit toward graduation at Blue Mountain College for approved subject area examinations through CLEP. Credits are awarded based upon the scores recommended by the American Council on Education on each subject area examination. Blue Mountain College does not accept CLEP credit for EN 101 English Composition II or EN 111 English Composition II – Honors.

#### B. AP (Advanced Placement) Credit

A student may earn credit toward graduation at Blue Mountain College for AP courses provided the minimum score required by Blue Mountain College is made on the standardized examination. (For specific requirements, see AP Credit Guidelines established by Blue Mountain College in the Procedures to this policy.) A maximum of twelve semester hours of AP credit may be counted toward a degree.

#### C. DSST Credit

A student may earn credit toward graduation at Blue Mountain College for approved subject area examinations through DSST. Credits are awarded based upon the scores recommended by the American Council on Education on each subject area examination. (Consult the Procedures to this policy for minimum score requirements and the credits possibly awarded to successful students.)

### 2. Independent Credit

Blue Mountain College does not offer credit by independent study (i.e., through correspondence) and prefers that students not enroll in such courses except in cases of scheduling difficulties. Credit earned at other accredited colleges and universities who do offer such courses, however, will be accepted by Blue Mountain College under the usual rules for acceptance of transfer credit (See Policy 2.06: Transfer Credit). A maximum of twelve hours of independent study credit may be counted toward a degree. Blue Mountain College does not accept independent study credit for EN 101 English Composition II or EN 111 English Composition II – Honors.

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### 3. Early Admission/Dual Enrollment

Blue Mountain College offers a Dual Enrollment program where early admission may be granted to high school students with junior status if criteria for admission to the program are met. [Cross reference with Policy 2.03: Admissions.]

### 4. Military Credit

A student may earn credit for military service based on the recommendations of the American Council on Education (ACE) for courses comparable to Blue Mountain College course offerings provided an official transcript of these credits is sent to Blue Mountain College.

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#### ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS:

1. Procedures