

# CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

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## Credit-by-Examination

Students who have competencies or skills equivalent to those required for the completion of courses offered by Dalton State College may receive "Credit-by-Examination." In skill and vocational areas, such levels of proficiency often result from work experiences or previous training. In academic areas, competencies may result from independent study, rigorous high school preparation, or exceptional intellectual ability.

The College awards credit through

1. Institutional examinations.
2. The College Board Achievement Test and Advanced Placement Program (AP) <https://www.daltonstate.edu/academics/registrar/advance-placement-ap-cut-scores> (<https://www.daltonstate.edu/academics/registrar/advance-placement-ap-cut-scores/>).
3. The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) <https://www.daltonstate.edu/academics/registrar/clep-scores/>, and
4. International Baccalaureate (IB) credit (<https://www.daltonstate.edu/academics/registrar/course-credit/>). Dalton State uses the University of Georgia's IB equivalency guidelines ([https://www.reg.uga.edu/creditFromTesting/internationalBaccalaureate/uga\\_ib\\_credit\\_equivalencies/](https://www.reg.uga.edu/creditFromTesting/internationalBaccalaureate/uga_ib_credit_equivalencies/)) to determine credit granted.

The following policies govern credit-by-examination:

1. Credit is awarded only to students admitted to the College and is officially recorded only for those who enroll for credit courses.
2. Credit-by-examination is awarded only for courses offered by the College.
3. Credit is not awarded if a comparable course has been completed at the College. Conversely, previously awarded credit-by-examination is forfeited by completing a comparable course at the College.
4. Credit-by-examination is an award of semester credit hours but carries no letter grade or quality points.
5. A student may take the proficiency examination for a course only once.
6. A student may not take a proficiency examination if
  - the student has previously enrolled in the course, or
  - the student is currently enrolled in the course.
7. Each school is responsible for determining the achievement level of students taking proficiency examinations and for recommending the award of credit in writing to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
8. Official scores earned on the SAT II, the Advanced Placement Program, the International Baccalaureate Diploma, and the CLEP examinations must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for evaluation. Dalton State College has created its own policy for credit award based on University System of Georgia guidelines. A current list of those scores is maintained by the Office of Enrollment Services.
9. The minimum cut scores can be found at here (<https://www.daltonstate.edu/academics/registrar/course-credit/>).