

# Credit by Exam

Undergraduate students may earn course credit by demonstrating superior achievement on tests offered through several examination programs. Original copies of scores are required for acceptance and recording credit.

St. Mary's University accepts:

- Advanced Placement Examinations (AP)
- College Level Examinations Program (CLEP)
- Departmental Examinations for Enrolled Students
- International Baccalaureate (IB)

## Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

AP Examinations are administered by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB). These examinations are administered each May at high schools that offer Advanced Placement courses. Concerned students should consult a high school counselor for information on these centers and test registration procedure. Scores are reported to the student, their high schools, and to colleges or universities the student requests. Scores range from a low of 1 to a high of 5.

AP Exam	Minimum Score	Semester Hours	Course Number
Credit by Exam			
Art-Studio	4	3	AR 2361 (to be used as elective credit only)
Art-History	4	3	AR 2362 (to be used as elective credit only)
Biology	4	8	BL 1401* and BL 1402* requires satisfactory lab notebook
Biology	4	3	BL 1301 (without lab notebook)
Calculus AB (or AB subscore on BC exam)	4	4	MT 2412
Calculus BC	5**	4	MT 2412 and MT 2413**
Calculus BC	4	4	MT 2412
Chemistry	4	8	CH 1401 and 1402
Comparative Government and Politics	5	3	PO 1314
Topics in Programming Languages	4	3	CS 1320
Computer Science Principles	4	3	CS 1301
Economics (Macro)	3	3	EC 2301
Economics (Micro)	3	3	EC 2303
Environmental Science	3	3	ES 1373
History (European and World)	4	6	HS 2321 and HS 2322
History (U.S.)	4	6	HS 1301 and 1302
Language and Composition	4	3	EN 1311
Literature and Composition	4	3	EN 2399
Modern Languages	5	12	1311, 1312, 2311, 2312 - fulfills foreign language requirements
Modern Languages	4	9	1311, 1312, 2311
Modern Languages	3	6	1311, 1312
Music Theory	3	6	MU 1321 and 1322
Physics Part 1	5	8	PY 1401 and 1402
Physics Part 1	4	4	PY 1401
Physics Part C (Mechanics)	4	3	PY 1404 (must take 1-hour lab)

Physics Part C (Electricity and Magnetism)	4	3	PY 2404 (must take 1-hour lab)
Psychology	5	3	PS 1301
Precalculus	4	4	MT 1411
Spanish Literature	5	6	SP 3331 and 3341
Statistics	4	4	MT 2303
U.S. Government	4	3	PO 1311

\* Consult Biology Department for possible additional credit. Review of lab notebook required.

\*\* Consult Mathematics Department for possible additional credit.

The CLEP is designed to evaluate non-traditional college-level education such as independent study or other experiences outside traditional classrooms. Credit is awarded for these Examinations. Original copy of scores is required for acceptance and recording credit. These examinations are administered at St. Mary's University Testing Center. Please address inquiries to the Coordinator of Testing Services, St. Mary's University, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228, or call 210-436-3135. A fee is charged for the administration of these examinations.

Please note that each school establishes its own requirements for minimum scores and credit awarded.

Students matriculating at St. Mary's University as freshmen, including transfer students with freshman status, must take the CLEP examination(s) by the end of the sophomore year. Transfer students with sophomore or higher status must take the examination no later than their junior year.

CLEP Exam	Minimum Score	Semester Hours	Course Number
Credit by Exam			
Business Law, Introductory	50	3	BA 3351
Financial Accounting	50	3	AC 2310
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	QM 3330
Principles of Marketing	50	3	MK 3310
American Literature (with essay)	60	3	EN 2399
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature (with essay)	60	3	EN 2399
English Composition (with essay)	60	3	EN 1311
English Literature (with essay)	60	3	EN 2399
French	62	12	FR 1311, 1312, 2311, 2313
French	58	9	FR 1311, 1312, 2311
French	53	6	FR 1311, 1312
French	50	3	FR 1311
German	62	12	GR 1311,1312, 2311, 2312
German	58	9	GR 1311,1312, 2311
German	54	6	GR 1311, 1312
German	40	3	GR 1311
Spanish	68	12	SP 1311, 1312, 2311, 2312
Spanish	66	9	SP 1311, 1312, 2311
Spanish	58	6	SP 1311, 1312
Spanish	54	3	SP 1311
American Government	50	3	PO 1311
Education Psychology, Introduction to	50	3	Elective only
History of the U.S. I: to 1877	50	3	HS 1301
History of the U.S. II: since 1865	50	3	HS 1302
Human Growth and Development	50	3	Elective only
Macroeconomics, Principles of	50	3	EC 2301
Microeconomics, Principles of	50	3	EC 2303
Psychology, Introductory	50	3	PS 1301
Social Sciences and History	50	3	Social Sciences Core Credit

Sociology, Introductory	50	3	SC 1311
Western Civilization I: to 1648	50	3	HS 1351
Western Civilization II: since 1648	50	3	HS 1352
Biology	50	3	BL 1301 for non-majors
Calculus	50	4	MT 2412
Chemistry	50	3	CH 1304
College Algebra	50	3	MT 1303
College Mathematics	50	3	MT 1302
Natural Sciences	50	6	Science core requirement
Pre-Calculus	50	4	MT 1411

- For majors that require MT 1306 Business Calculus, MT 2412 Univariate Calculus I may be substituted.
- MT 1411 can substitute for MT 1303 in degree programs that require MT 1303.
- MT 1303 will fulfill the 3-hour core Math requirement.
- If a student takes a mathematics course at St. Mary's, such as MT 1303, and receives a grade of WF, F, or D, the student is no longer eligible for CLEP credit in that course.

## International Baccalaureate (IB)

St. Mary's University recognizes the high standards of the IB Diploma Program and will award up to 24 semester hours credit scores of 4 or higher to students who received the IB Diploma.

If for some reason students do not wish to take the full IB Diploma Program, they also can participate in individual courses and receive IB Certificates for successful completion of this work. Credit for IB Certificates will be considered for college credit for scores of 5, 6, or 7 on the higher level IB examinations.

Credit is recorded on the transcript as credit (CR) earned for St. Mary's University enrolled students after receiving official transcripts from the school.

IB Exam	Minimum Score	Semester Hours	Course Number
Art	4	6	FA 1101, 1102, 1103, AR 1301, HU 2307
Biology	4	6	BL 1301, 1302
Computer Science	4	3	CS 1301
English Literature	5	3	EN 2399
English Language and Literature	5	3	EN 1311
History	4	6	HS 1301, 1302, 1351, 1352
Languages	4	12	LN 1311, 1312, 2311, 2312
Mathematics	4	4	MT 1411
Music	4	3	MU 1331
Philosophy	4	3	PL 1310
Physics	4	8	PY 1401, 1402
Psychology	4	3	PS 1301
Science	4	3	ST 3300
Sociology	4	3	SC 1311

Enrolled St. Mary's University undergraduate students who believe they are proficient in the content of an undergraduate course for which no examination is regularly offered may be authorized to take a departmental examination.

Credit for departmental examinations may not be earned for a course in which the student is currently enrolled to receive a passing, failing, withdrawal, WX, or P/N grade.

Authorization consists of approval by the Dean of the School for the course for which credit is requested, and approval by the Department Chairperson that teaches the course. The student and a faculty member that teaches the course schedule the testing arrangements. Test requirements and procedures vary with each department.

#### 4 Credit by Exam

The student obtains a Credit by Exam form from the Registrar's Office, St. Louis Hall, Room 104. The student takes the exam, obtains required signatures as indicated on the form, and pays the required fee to the Business Office, St. Louis Hall, Room 24. The fee is \$20 per semester hour. This fee is subject to change at any time. The student returns the completed form to the Registrar's Office and credit is posted to the transcript.