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## **AR 4235 Credit by Examination**

Reference:

Title 5 Section 55050

ACCJC Standard: II.A.8, II.A.9

Credit by Examination may be obtained by one of the following methods:

Achievement of a score of 3 (three) or higher on an Advanced Placement (AP) Examination administered by the College Entrance Examination Board. A table of the courses or units the college grants for performance in AP credit is available in the college catalog.

Achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by examination in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). A table of the courses or units the college grants for performance in CLEP credit will be available in the college catalog.

Achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by examination in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination. A table of the courses or units the college grants for performance in the IB examination is available in the college catalog.

Credit by satisfactory completion of an examination or other assessment, e.g. portfolio, administered by the college in lieu of completion of an approved course listed for Credit by Examination in the college catalog.

Successful completion of an examination administered by other agencies approved by the college.

Credit by Examination Petition

To request a challenge, a student must file a "Credit by Examination" Petition within the first four weeks of the semester or the first week of an intersession. Regulations are stated on the "Credit by Examination" Petition. Note: Not all courses are available for the challenge process.

A nonrefundable challenge is required when the petition is submitted. For California residents, this charge is equivalent to the enrollment fee. Nonresident and international students must also pay the appropriate nonresident/international student tuition.

Determination for Credit Examination Administered by the College:

- The student must currently be registered in the college and be in good standing.
- The student must be enrolled in and complete at least one course other than the course being challenged.
- The course must be listed in the college catalog.
- The student must not have attempted, completed, or failed the course previously.

- The course may not be challenged to improve a grade.
- The student must have obtained approval of the challenge petition from either the course Professor or Department Chair, and the Division Dean, as well as the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- The student must not have challenged more than 15 units.
- The student must not have completed nor enrolled in a more advanced course.
- Only courses open to Credit by Examination as listed in the college catalog or that pertain to the AP, the CLEP, or any other examinations administered by other agencies approved by the college, may be used to achieve credit by examination.

Credits acquired by examination are not applicable to meeting unit load requirements for Selective Service deferment, Veteran's or Social Security benefits.

Credits acquired by examination shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for an Associate degree.

The student's academic record shall clearly indicate that the credit was earned by examination.