

Credit by Examination and Advanced Placement

General

Southeastern Louisiana University assents to the opinion that persons having knowledge equivalent to that usually attained in specific courses should be advanced in level to afford a continuous challenge. In order to realize the fulfillment of this philosophy, certain policies and procedures have been adopted by the University regarding credit-by-examination and advanced placement.

Students may not receive credit through a national credit examination program such as CLEP, Dantes/ DSST, Accuplacer or through departmental credit examinations in courses in which the student has earned a final grade at an accredited college or university. Audited courses and courses taken at non-accredited institutions may be completed through credit examination.

Southeastern will accept a maximum of **45 semester hours** through non-traditional educational experiences including, but not limited to, departmental credit exams, CLEP, AP, IB, Cambridge International, military service credit, correspondence and/or extension credit. Additional information can be found in the tables following this section of the catalog.

Office of Testing

The Office of Testing is the assessment center for national and accommodation testing. Some of the major exams administered through this office include Accuplacer NG, the ACT, CLEP, DANTES/DSST (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, DCE (Departmental Credit Exams), HISET (High School Equivalency Test), Independent Study Exams, NLN (National League of Nursing), Scantron/Castleworldwide, Praxis and the ParaPro. Students who need more information regarding these exams should contact the Office of Testing by accessing the office's website at: <https://www.southeastern.edu/admin/testing/>.

The Office of Testing also plays a major role in providing the necessary conditions for those students seeking special and/or accommodations testing. Some of the accommodations provided by the office include:

1. Low-distraction testing environment
2. Extended testing time
3. Test enlargement
4. Test reformatting
5. Orally-proctored tests

Those students seeking special and/or accommodations testing must first self-identify with the Student Accessibility Services office. More information about Student Accessibility Services can be found by visiting website at www.southeastern.edu/sas.

College Level Examination Program Subject Examinations (CLEP)

An enrolled or entering student at Southeastern may gain credit in a number of courses by completing certain subject examinations of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) provided by Educational Testing Services and administered through the Office of Testing. CLEP examinations may be taken at Southeastern by appointment only. All tests are Computer Based, which allow for immediate test result(s) upon completion of testing. A non-refundable administrative fee is assessed for each exam.

Credit will be entered on a student's transcript upon receipt of an official score from ETS, provided the student achieves at or above the level score accepted by Southeastern. A grade of P will be given, and the course will not be computed in the student's grade point average. Unsuccessful attempts shall not be recorded against the student.

Subject examinations, acceptable scores, and credit hours currently approved for Southeastern courses are listed in the following table:

CLEP Subject Exam	Course and Number	Acceptable Score	Credit Hours
Financial Accounting	ACCT 200	50	3
American Government	POLI 201	50	3
American History I	HIST 201	50	3
American History II	HIST 202	50	3
American Literature	ENGL 232	60	3
*Biology, General	GBIO 106 and 107	50	6
College Algebra	MATH 161	50	3
English Literature	ENGL 231	60	3
College Composition	ENGL 101	59	3
*General Chemistry	CHEM 101 and 102 or CHEM 121 and 122	50	6
Information Systems and Computer Applications	CMPS 110	50	3
Introductory Sociology	SOC 101	50	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 201	50	3
**Principles of Management	MGMT 351	50	3
Principles of Marketing	MRKT 303	50	3

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Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 202	50	3
Western Civilization I	HIST 101	50	3
Western Civilization II	HIST 102	50	3

*Subject examinations designed for two-semester courses

**Department Head approval required

Credits through the DSST Subject Standardized Test

Under an agreement between the Chauncey Group International (Chauncey), a subsidiary of Educational Testing Services (ETS), and the U.S. Department of Defense, Southeastern Louisiana University is allowed to administer the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs). DSSTs may be taken in the Office of Testing at Southeastern by appointment only. A non-refundable administrative fee is assessed for each exam.

Credit will be entered on a student's transcript upon receipt of an official transcript from the Chauncey Group, provided the student achieves at or above the score accepted by Southeastern. A grade of P will be given and the course will not be computed in the student's grade point average. Unsuccessful attempts will not be recorded against the student.

Subject Examination, acceptable scores, and credit hours approved for Southeastern courses are listed in the following table:

DSST Subject Exam	Course and Number	Acceptable Score	Credit Hours
Astronomy	ESSC 102	400	3
Criminal Justice	CJ 101	400	3
Environmental Science	GBIO 281	400	3
General Anthropology	ANTH 101	400	3
Human/Culture Geography	GEOG 103	400	3
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	PSYC 204	400	3
Principles of Statistics	MATH 241	400	3

National League for Nursing

Any enrolled or entering student who meets the present criteria may gain credit in selected nursing courses by completing approved proficiency examinations provided by the National League for Nursing. Proficiency exams are taken online and are designed to offer credit for knowledge obtained as part of the enrollment and completion of a Licensed Practical Nurse Program. A non-refundable administrative or departmental credit fee is assessed for each exam.

Proficiency examinations currently approved are listed below. Further information can be obtained from the Director of Testing.

NLN Exam	Course and Number	Acceptable Score
Nursing Acceleration Challenge Exam (NACE) I: Foundations of Nursing ¹	NURS 371	75%
RN Achievement Exam – Physical Assessment ¹	NURS 314	75%

¹For Currently Licensed Practical Nurses

Southeastern Louisiana University Departmental Credit Examinations

Southeastern departmental credit examinations are administered in the summer, fall, and spring to Southeastern Louisiana University students and to entering students.

1. A student interested in taking departmental credit examinations may obtain the request forms at the academic department.
2. A student will have the request form approved by their department head, the dean of their college, and the head of the department administering the examination.
3. The University charges a non-refundable fee of \$25 per credit examination.
4. Credit examinations are given on the undergraduate level and on a limited basis in certain graduate degree programs.
5. Only courses passed will be recorded on the student's record. A grade of P will be given and the course will not be computed in the student's grade point average.
6. The department head in which the course is offered will set the dates of tests at their discretion.

Departmental Credit Examinations are available in:

Discipline	Course and Number	Acceptable Score	Credit Hours
Biology	GBIO 106	≥ 70%	3
	GBIO 107		3

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	GBIO 151 GBIO 153		3 3
Chemistry and Physics	CHEM 101 CHEM 121 PHYS 191	≥ 70%	3 3 3
Communication Sciences and Disorders	CSD 409	≥ 77%	1-3
Computer Science	CMPS 120 CMPS 161 CMPS 173	≥ 70%	3 3 3
Industrial Technology	DDT 113 DDT 114 DDT 211 DDT 212 DDT 215 DDT 216 ET 100 ET 111 ET 213 IT 100 IT 111 IT 233 IT 236 IT 242 IT 256 IT 264	≥ 70%	3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
Kinesiology and Health Studies	ATHT 141 HS 131 KIN 230	≥ 70%	3 2 3
Library Science	LS 102	≥ 70%	1
Mathematics	MATH 161 MATH 162 MATH 163 MATH 175	≥ 70%	3 3 3 5
Music	MUS 103/104 MUS 151 MUS 209/210	≥ 70%	1 3 1
Nursing	NURS 214	≥ 75%	3
Psychology	PSYC 101	≥ 70%	3
Sociology and Criminal Justice	CJ 101 SOC 101	≥ 70% major ≥ 60% non-major	3 3

Departmental credit examinations may be available in courses other than those listed above, provided the student obtains special permission from their dean and department head. Please contact the specific department for more information.

Credit through the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Program

Southeastern participates with the College Board Advanced Placement Program. Students in selected high schools take college-level courses in high school and their examinations are graded by the staff of the College Board. The following list shows the Advanced Placement Courses, the required scores, and the equivalent Southeastern courses for which credit will be given at Southeastern.

AP Course	Minimum Grade Required*	Course Equivalent
Art History	3	Art 105 or 106
Biology	4	General Biology 151 and 153
Biology	3	General Biology 106 and 107
Chemistry	3	Chemistry 101 and 102 or 121 and 122
Computer Science A	3	Computer Science 101
Economics (Macro and Micro)	3	Economics 201 and 202
English		
Language and Composition	3	English 101
Language and Composition	5	English 101 and 102
Literature and Composition	3	English 232
Literature and Composition	5	English 231 and 232

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Foreign Language French Language and Culture German Language and Culture Spanish Language	3 3 3	French 101 and 102 German 101 and 102 Spanish 101 and 102
Human Geography	3	Geography 103
History European History US History World History	3 3 3	History 101 and 102 History 201 and 202 History 101 and 102
Mathematics Precalculus Calculus AB Calculus AB Calculus BC Calculus BC Statistics	4 3 4 3 4 3	Mathematics 175 Mathematics 163 Mathematics 200 Mathematics 200 Mathematics 200 and 201 Mathematics 241
Music Music Theory	3	Music 111
Physics Physics 1: Algebra Based Physics 2: Algebra Based C (Mechanics) C (Electricity and Magnetism)	3 3 3 3	Physics 191 and PLAB 193 Physics 192 and PLAB 194 Physics 221 and PLAB 223 Physics 222 and PLAB 224
Political Science U.S. Government and Politics Comparative Government and Politics	3 3	POLI 201 POLI 2XX
Psychology	3	Psychology 101

*The readers' grades reflect their professional judgment of the candidate's achievement in advanced study according to the following scale.

- 5 – extremely well qualified
- 4 – well qualified
- 3 – qualified
- 2 – possibly qualified
- 1 – no recommendation

Cambridge International A-Level Coursework

Students that have completed Advanced-Level coursework through the Cambridge International Examination system may receive credit in the courses listed below:

A-Level Course	Grade	Southeastern Equivalent	Credit Hours*
Accounting	A-C	ACCT 200 and 225	6
Business	A-C	MGMT 141	3
Biology	A-C	GBIO 151 and BIOL 152	4
Chemistry	A-C	CHEM 121, 122, 261; CLAB 123, 124	11
Computer Science	A-C	CMPS 161/280	6
Computing	A-C	CMPS 101/120	6
Economics	A-C	ECON 201/202	6
English Language	A-C	ENGL 101	3
Literature in English	A-C	ENGL 230	3
Mathematics	A-C	MATH 200/241	8
Physics	A-C	PHYS 191/192/193/194	8
Psychology	A-C	PSYC 101/204	6

*All transfer credit is subject to individual examination.

Cambridge International A-Levels are recognized for placement at the time of matriculation. Please contact admissions at 800-222-SELU for additional details.

International Baccalaureate Credit

Southeastern Louisiana University values the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme and welcomes applications from IB students. The IB Diploma Programme is a comprehensive two-year curriculum leading to examinations evaluated on international criteria. Students are encouraged to submit their IB diploma record or examination results with their application for evaluation. The official International Baccalaureate transcript is required to award credit.

IB Course	IB Score	Southeastern Course Equivalent	Credit Hours
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Language A1: English	5 SL or 4 HL	ENGL 232	3
	5 HL	ENGL 231 & ENGL 232	6
Language B: Spanish	5 SL or 4 HL	SPAN 101	3
	6 SL or 5 HL	SPAN 101 & SPAN 102	6
Language B: French	5 SL or 4 HL	FREN 101	3
	6 SL or 5 HL	FREN 101 & FREN 102	6
History—Americas	5 SL or 4 HL	HIST 201 or 202	3
	5 HL	HIST 201 & HIST 202	6
History—World	5 SL or 4 HL	HIST 101 or 102	3
	5 HL	HIST 101 & HIST 102	6
Biology	5 SL	GBIO 151	3
	4 HL	GBIO 151 & BIOL 152	4
	5 HL	GBIO 151, BIOL 152, GBIO 153, & BIOL 154	8
Chemistry	5 SL	CHEM 101	3
	4 HL	CHEM 101 & CLAB 103	4
	5 HL	CHEM 101, CHEM 102, CLAB 103, & CLAB 104	8
Physics	5 SL or 4 HL	PHYS 191	3
	5 HL	PHYS 191 & PHYS 192	6
Math Studies	5 SL	MATH 161 & MATH 162	6
Mathematics	5 SL or 4HL	MATH 161 & MATH 163	6
	5 HL	MATH 161 & MATH 200	8
Psychology	5 SL or 4 HL	PSYC 101	3

Correspondence and Extension Credit

Southeastern Louisiana University does not offer correspondence work, but will accept a maximum of 30 hours of correspondence and/or extension credit from accredited institutions which offer such work. Work taken by correspondence or at other institutions may not be used to satisfy the University's residence requirements.

In all instances a full-time or a part-time student at Southeastern Louisiana University who plans to take any work elsewhere (correspondence, extension, or resident) must obtain approval from their department head, their academic dean, and the Director of Admissions.

United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) Courses

Southeastern Louisiana University is a participating institution with the USAFI program. Credits earned may be recognized by a division of Southeastern Louisiana University in accordance with the recommendations of the American Council on Education. The credits must be acceptable to the curriculum in which the student enrolls and must not duplicate other college credit earned.

Military Experience

Evaluation of Military Training/Transcripts for Military Credit

Current and former service members must send official military transcripts to the University in order to be evaluated for potential credit (Joint Service Transcript System).

Military transcripts are evaluated for each applicant, and additional credit may be awarded. This credit will be awarded on a case-by-case basis for lower-level military courses (flagged as "L"), and if transferable will transfer at 100-level courses. All upper-military courses (flagged as "U") and if transferable, will transfer as 200-level courses. Exceptions include duplicates and those noted as "Not for Credit" and/or flagged as "V" for vocational.

General Education Requirements

The College and Department sections of this Catalog describe each curriculum leading to a degree. Awarding of an academic degree assumes that the recipient has submitted to rigors of intellectual inquiry, achieved specialized and general knowledge, and acquired motivations and abilities for life-long learning.

Each Southeastern Louisiana University baccalaureate degree is designed to help the student progress toward career goals and toward the following goals in general education:

- Students will effectively and intelligently communicate in writing in a variety of contexts.
- Students will demonstrate mathematical and analytical reasoning skills.
- Students will understand the universe through the study of life and physical sciences.
- Students will understand cultural traditions and/or the human condition through a humanities perspective.
- Students will understand human behavior and/or the relationship between individuals and their societies through a social/behavioral science perspective.

- Students will explore and value aesthetic creation and form as an essential means of conceiving and expressing the human experience through the fine arts.

Recognizing those general education goals, all baccalaureate curricula include the following minimum requirements based on the Statewide General Education Requirements of the Louisiana Board of Regents.

English Composition	6 hours and demonstrated proficiency
Mathematics/Analytical Reasoning	6 hours of Analytical Reasoning, at least 3 of which must be in Mathematics
*Natural Science	9 hours, to include a two-course sequence in biological or physical science with the remaining three in the area not covered by the sequence
Fine Arts	3 hours of Music or Visual Arts or Dance or Theatre
Humanities	9 hours to include 3 hours of Literature, 3 hours of History, and 3 hours Foreign Language above the introductory level or Philosophy or Speech Communication
Social/Behavioral Sciences	6 hours Anthropology or Political Science or Economics or Geography or Psychology or Sociology or Criminal Justice

Associate degree requirements include a minimum of three hours of English composition and demonstrated proficiency, three hours of Mathematics/Analytical Reasoning, three hours in the Natural Sciences, three hours in the Humanities, and three hours of Social/Behavioral Sciences.

Natural Science Two-Course Sequence

Possible Combinations

Biological Sciences

GBIO/BIOL 106/152 and GBIO/BIOL 107/154
 GBIO 106 and GBIO 107
 GBIO 106 and GBIO 281
 GBIO/BIOL 151/152 and GBIO/BIOL 153/154
 GBIO/BIOL 151/152 and ZOO 241
 GBIO/BIOL 151/152 and ZOO 242
 GBIO/BIOL 151/152 and ZOO/ZOOL 250/252
 GBIO/BIOL 151/152 and ZOO/ZOOL 251/253
 GBIO/BIOL 151/152 and MIC/MICL 223/224

Physical Sciences

CHEM/CLAB 101/103 and CHEM/CLAB 102/104
 CHEM 101 and CHEM 102
 CHEM/CLAB 121/123 and CHEM/CLAB 122/124
 CHEM 121 and CHEM 122
 ESSC/ESSL 101/103 and ESSC/ESSL 102/104
 ESSC 101 and ESSC 102
 PHSC 101 and PHSC 102
 PHYS/PLAB 191/193 and PHYS/PLAB 192/194
 PHYS 191 and PHYS 192
 PHYS/PLAB 221/223 and PHYS/PLAB 222/224
 PHYS 221 and PHYS 222

Graduation Requirements

Summary

A candidate for a degree must complete the following:

- Complete one of the curricula as outlined in the catalog, including demonstrated proficiency in English and mathematics as mandated by the Louisiana Board of Regents.
- Have a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average of 2.0 (C) on all course work, on all work attempted at Southeastern, and on all work in their major field.¹

OR

- Have a minimum Degree Grade Point Average of 2.0 (C) on all coursework applicable to the student's curriculum; on all required coursework in the major field; and on Southeastern coursework applicable to the student's curriculum.¹ Certain curricula as noted in the college and departmental sections of this Catalog have higher requirements.
- Earn the semester hours listed below at Southeastern Louisiana University. No time limitation in years or weeks will be set.
 - Candidate for a Baccalaureate Degree
 - At least one-half of the hours required in the major field or fields
 - At least 25% of semester credit hours required for the degree must be earned at Southeastern

Work taken through correspondence courses, credit examination or military experience may not be used to satisfy these requirements.

- Candidates for the Associate Degree