Types of Credit

Noted below are the types of prior learning for which the University may award credit.

Transfer Credit

If you attended other institutions in the past, you are encouraged to submit official transcripts to the Office of the Registrar.

In order for a course to be transferable, it must meet all of the following criteria:

1. It was completed at an accredited institution;
2. It is included on an official transcript;
3. It carries a grade of "C-" or better (undergraduate course), or "B" or better (graduate course); Purdue Global cannot consider marks of "Pass," "Credit," or similar;
4. It must be 100-level or higher and not otherwise designated as remedial, college-preparatory, or not at a college level;
5. It is relevant to your program of study and equivalent to the course requirements of your program (note that in some cases, we may ask you or your prior institution for a course syllabus or similar documentation to assist us in evaluating a particular course);
6. It must fit into your degree plan; and
7. It meets any additional program-specific requirements.

We strongly recommend that you provide your official transcripts to the Office of the Registrar by the last day of the first term. After this point, in certain cases, we may deny you the opportunity for a transfer credit evaluation due to course scheduling factors.

Credit by Examination

Purdue Global offers you several opportunities to earn credit by achieving passing scores on externally administered exams (CLEP, DANTES, AP, Excelsior, and others).

Official results of external tests must be received by the Office of the Registrar prior to the first day of your final term, and always prior to the first day of the course(s) the exams are intended to replace.

External Examinations

Purdue Global awards credit for passing scores on external exams such as DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs), the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), the Advanced Placement Program (AP), Defense Language Proficiency Tests (DLPTs), and other similar exams.

Purdue Global awards credit based on the minimum scores recommended by Educational Testing Service (ETS) or the American Council on Education (ACE). Credit may be awarded for each test in which the recommended minimum score is earned and based on program guidelines and course outcomes.

Experiential Learning

The University recognizes three types of learning which, broadly speaking, fall into the category of experiential learning. All three types are reviewed on a case-by-case basis for relevance to your degree plan.

• Military Training: training gained during a period of military service that has been reviewed by the American Council on Education (ACE).

• Reviewed Professional Learning: transcripted learning from a professional or nonacademic environment that has been reviewed by ACE or the Office of the Registrar and the appropriate Dean using ACE guidelines.

• Academic Prior Learning Portfolio: a portfolio that demonstrates prior learning from work or other experience.

If you wish to submit a portfolio in consideration for experiential learning credit, you must first enroll in EL206 Academic Prior Learning Portfolio, LRC100 Documenting Your Experiences for College Credit, or an approved alternative, and are strongly encouraged to take this course in your first two terms. Upon successful completion of EL206 Academic Prior Learning Portfolio or LRC100 Documenting Your Experiences for College Credit, you may submit a portfolio for up to 15 undergraduate traditional courses (or their module course equivalents), contingent on your particular program.

You may only submit one experiential learning portfolio during your time at Purdue Global.

Note: you will be charged a portfolio development course fee.