

**Academic Regulation
Office of Provost**

SUBJECT: Advanced Standing Credits
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I. SCOPE

This policy establishes the criteria for the acceptance of credits toward a University of Pittsburgh degree or certificate for other than course work completed through registration at the University.

II. POLICY

The University may award credit toward a University of Pittsburgh degree or certificate for:

Transfer Credits - credits earned at other institutions. The University will grant credit based on course equivalencies, including expected learning outcomes, with those of the University curriculum and standards. The University will not refuse to consider a transfer credit based on the accreditation of the sending institution.

Standardized Tests - credits earned by standardized examinations such as the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Occupational Competency, ACT-PEP Challenge, and Advanced Placement Exams.

Credit by Course Examination - credits earned by passing an examination administered by the University, in absence of registration for the course.

Educational Experiences in the Armed Services - formal courses and occupational training offered by all branches of the military. The University will grant credit based on course equivalencies, including expected learning outcomes, with those of the University curriculum and standards.

Credits earned while a student is enrolled in a graduate program at the University of Pittsburgh which are applicable to a subsequent undergraduate degree or certificate may be posted as Advanced Standing credits on the undergraduate transcript as University of Pittsburgh Graduate Transcript credits.

Graduate credits earned while a student is enrolled in the final term of an undergraduate program at the University of Pittsburgh, which are applicable to a subsequent graduate degree or certificate, may be posted as Advanced Standing credits on the graduate transcript as University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Transcript credits.

Academic Centers determine whether and under what circumstances advanced standing credits are awarded within the following limits:

For undergraduate programs, the maximum number of credits accepted may not exceed 75% of the credits needed for the degree.

For graduate programs, credit limits should not exceed the maximum number of credits for specific degrees as published in the Regulations Governing Graduate Study at the University of Pittsburgh.

The Registrar posts advanced standing credits to the University transcript only with the authorization of the academic dean or designee.

III. REFERENCE

Advanced Standing Credits, Procedure