Prior Learning Assessment

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What is Credit for Prior Learning?

- Documented learning and knowledge gained through experience
- Learning gained outside of a traditional educational institutional environment
- Academic credit alternatives, such as exams, military training, portfolios
- Unique approaches for meeting program, major and general education requirements
- Publicly verifiable learning outcomes

PLA Boosts Completion and Saves Money

According to CAEL, adults earning credit for prior learning have higher degree completion rates than those without.

49% with credit for prior learning

27% without credit for prior learning

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PLA Boosts Completion and Saves Money

Money saved with PLA credits.

CLEP or DSST Exam
~$118

Tuition Savings
$1,067-1,652 per 3 credits

Portfolio
$175
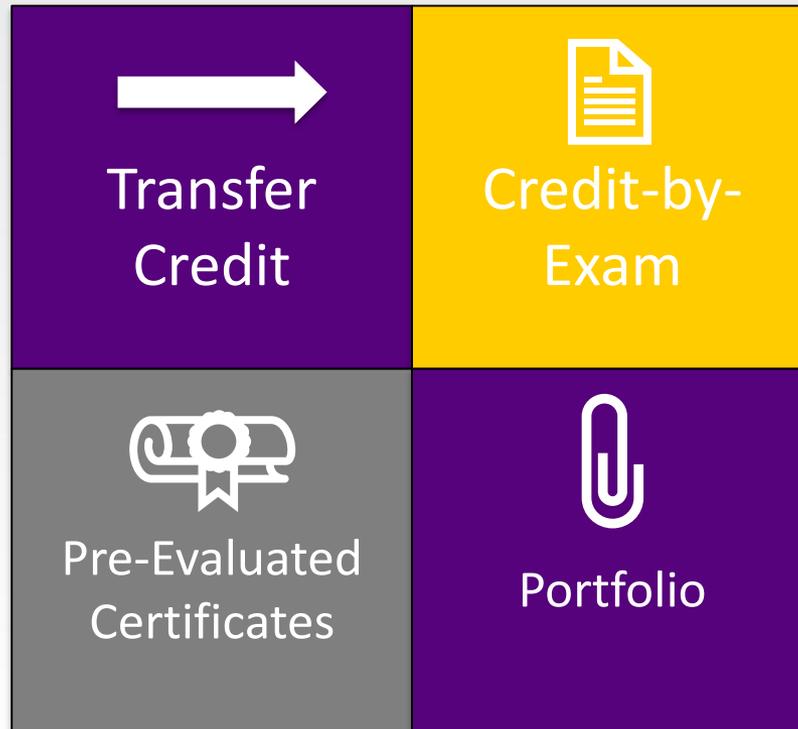
Tuition Savings
$1,010+, depending on credits awarded

Military, OPATC, & Others

Tuition Savings
Varies by program

CLEP Prep: Modernstates.org

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Types of Credit for Prior Learning

Transfer Credit

Credit-by-Exam

Pre-Evaluated Certificates

Portfolio

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Credit-by-Exam

Ashland University currently offers credit for the following providers:

- CLEP

- DSST Exams.

Ashland University
College Level Examination Program

Computer Based Testing (CBT) and Paper & Pencil Testing
ACE Recommended

CLEP Test	SCORE	Semester Hours	Ashland University Equivalency
Business			
Financial Accounting	50	3	ACCT 201
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	IS 221
Introductory Business Law	50	3	MGT 401
Principles of Management	50	3	MGT 240
Principles of Marketing	50	3	MKT 233
Composition and Literature			
American Literature	50	3	ENG 203
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	3	ENG Elect
College Composition (with or without Essay)	50	3	ENG 101
English Literature	50	3	ENG 217
Freshman College Composition	50	6	No Equivalency
Humanities	50	6	ELECT AES & ELECT HUM
Foreign Languages			
French Language, Level 1	50	6	FL 151 & 152
French Language, Level 2	63	12	FL 151, 152, 251, 252
German Language, Level 3	50	6	FL 161 & 162
German Language, Level 4	63	12	FL 171, 172
Spanish Language, Level 5	50	6	GL 171 & FL 172
Spanish Language, Level 6	63	12	FL 171, 172, 271, 272

Level 1- Equivalent to the first two semesters (or 6 semester hours) of college-level foreign language course work

Level 2- Equivalent to the first four semesters (or 12 semester hours) of college-level foreign language course work

History and Social Sciences			
American Government	50	3	POLSC Elect
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to	50	3	HIST 212
History of the United States II: 1865 to Present	50	3	HIST 213
Human Growth and Development	50	3	FCS 270
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	EDFN 202
Introductory Psychology	50	3	PSYC 101
Introductory Sociology	50	3	SOC 111
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	ECON 233
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	ECON 232
Social Sciences and History	50	3	ELECT SS & ELCT HIST
Western Civilization 1: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	3	HIST 112
Western Civilization 1: 1648 to Present	50	6	HIST 113
Science and Mathematics			
Algebra - Trigonometry	50	3	MATH 100
Biology	50	6	No Equivalency
Calculus	50	3	MATH 205
Chemistry	50	6	No Equivalency
College Algebra	50	3	No Equivalency
College Mathematics	50	6	No Equivalency
Precalculus	50	3	No Equivalency
Natural Sciences	50	6	No Equivalency
Trigonometry	50	3	No Equivalency

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Ashland University
DSST Examination Equivalent Course Guide

DSST Examination:	Minimum Score of:	AU Equivalent:
A History of the Vietnam War	400	No credit will be given
Art of the Western World	400	AES*CORE
Astronomy	400	No credit will be given
Business Ethics and Society	400	No credit will be given
Business Mathematics	400	MATH*100
Computing and Information Technology	400	MIS*ELCT
Criminal Justice	400	CJ*130
Environmental Science	400	BIO*ELCT
Ethics in America	400	No credit will be given
Ethics in Technology	400	No credit will be given
Foundations of Education	400	ELECT*000
Fundamentals of College Algebra	400	MATH*100
Fundamentals of Counseling	400	No credit will be given
Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	400	SEC*180
General Anthropology	400	No credit will be given
Heath & Human Develoipment	400	HS*180
History of the Soviet Union	400	No credit will be given
Human Resource Management	400	MGT*324
Introduction to Business	400	MGT*240
Introduction to Geography	400	No credit will be given
Introduction to Geology	400	No credit will be given
Introduction to Law Enforcement	400	CJ*270
Introduction to World Religions	400	No credit will be given
Lifespan Developmental Psychology	400	No credit will be given
Management Information Systems	400	MIS*ELCT
Math for Liberal Arts	400	MTLG*CORE
Money and Banking	400	ECON*334
Organizational Behavior	400	MGT*318
Personal Finance	400	FIN*322
Principles of Advanced English Composition	400	ENG*101
Principles of Finance	400	FIN*228
Principles of Public Speaking	400	COM*ELCT
Principles of Statistics	400	MATH*108
Principles of Supervision	400	MGT*100
Substance Abuse	400	No credit will be given
Technical Writing	400	No credit will be given
The Civil War and Reconstruction	400	No credit will be given

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Pre-Evaluated Credentials

- Military Credit
- Criminal Justice Training

Military Credit

Your submitted official military transcript is automatically evaluated for potential credit transfer upon admission to the university. Up to 90 credit hours can transfer towards a bachelor's degree.

- **DD-214**: Up to five undergraduate credit hours for military service
- **Community College of the Air Force (CCAF)**
- **Joint Services Transcript (JST)**
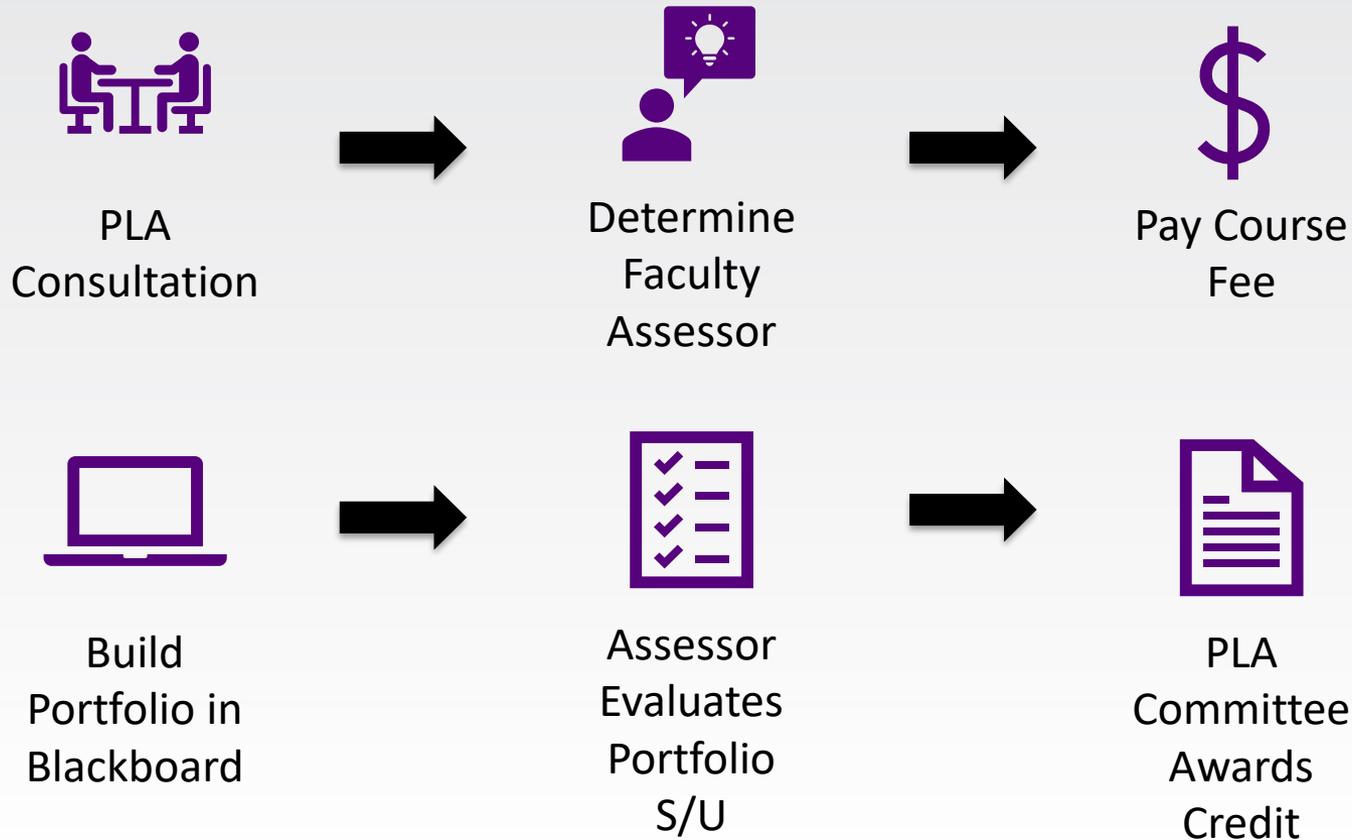- **Transfer Credit Samples**

PLA Intake Questionnaire for Criminal Justice

Name: _____ AU ID: _____ Program: _____ Catalog Year: _____

Prior Learning Assessment	Applicable Credits	Completion of Training (MM/YYYY)	Documentation Status (MM/YYYY)	Applied to Official Evaluation (MM/YYYY)
Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) & Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)	• 3 CJ 200 • 3 CJ 240 • 3 CJ 331 • 3CJ 362 • 3 HSEC 250 • 3 SOC 301 **Total: 18 credits**			
OPOTA/OSHP Field Training	• 12 CJ 403 **Total: 12 credits**			
ODRC Pre-Service Training*	• 3 SOC 111 • 3 SOC 301 **Total: 6 credits**			
ODRC Annual Correctional Officer Training*	• 3 General Electives **Total: 3 credits**			
ODRC Executive Leadership Program*	• 5 General Electives **Total: 5 credits**			
ODRC Correctional Management Program*	• 3 General Electives **Total: 3 credits**			
ODRC New Exempt Training*	• 3 General Electives **Total: 3 credits**			
Active Duty DD-214	• 3 CCI • 2 General Electives **Total: 5 credits**			
Police Executive Leadership College (PELC)	• 3 General Electives **Total: 3 credits**			

*Maximum of 30 PLA credits awarded for ODRC training.

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Prior Learning Portfolio

PLA
Consultation

→

Determine
Faculty
Assessor

→

Pay Course
Fee

Build
Portfolio in
Blackboard

→

Assessor
Evaluates
Portfolio
S/U

→

PLA
Committee
Awards
Credit

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How many credits for prior learning are allowed for my degree?

- Undergraduate students: 32 Semester Credits

- Graduate Students: 9 Semester Credits

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How do I get started?

Complete transfer credit evaluation with your advisor

Compare your previously earned licenses and credentials with pre-evaluated credit & exams on the website.

Match your credentials that are not pre-evaluated with specific courses.

Schedule a consultation for portfolio evaluation

https://www.ashland.edu/prior-learning-assessment-pla

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Where do I find more information?

https://www.ashland.edu/prior-learning-assessment-pla

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Questions?

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