

De Anza What is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)?

Credit for prior learning is college credit awarded for validated college-level skills and knowledge gained outside of a college classroom.

Students' knowledge and skills might be gained through experiences such as:

- Military training
- Industry training
- State/federal government training
- Volunteer and civic activities
- Apprenticeships, internships, work-based learning, or other industrybased experiential learning

CPL is not awarded for knowledge and skills already assessed and awarded credit through formal education at regionally accredited in-state and out-of-state institutions.

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Where we are now:

Credit for Prior Learning may be obtained by the following methods:

- Advanced Placement (AP)
 - Achievement of a score of 3 or higher on an Advanced
 Placement Examination administered by the College Entrance
 Examination Board
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
 - Students must achieve a score that qualifies for credit in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) administered by the College Board
- Credit for military training
 - As approved by the college
- Credit by examination
 - Administered by the college

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Options for CPL Process

Option 1: Student initiated

Request go to Enrollment Services (ES) ES - Screen request and forward to area dean or discipline expert

Discipline expert -Determine CPL method with student

Discipline expert -Review and Approve

Enrollment Services -Process and award

Option 2: Faculty initiated

Request go to Discipline Expert Discipline
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De Anza Credit for Prior Learning Process Action item:





The Next Step

- Identify faculty champions
- · Identify a committee workgroup
- A CPL process that is accessible and equitable for students



