College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

The University of South Carolina Beaufort supports the College Board’s Advanced Placement Program, which allows high school students the opportunity to pursue college level courses in their own schools and to be taught the material by their own teachers. After completion of the AP courses, students take the appropriate AP test to determine their level of achievement. For college credit to be awarded, a student must have official score reports from the College Board sent directly to the Office of Admissions at USCB.

In accordance with policies established by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education, USCB will award credit for AP scores of three or higher, unless evidence is presented for good cause not to do so. In addition, S.C. Commission on Higher Education has issued the following policies:

Because of the major overlap in course content between the two English AP exams, the awarding of AP credit in English should be treated separately from that of other disciplines as follows:

1. If a student receives a score of “3” or “4” on either English AP exam, credit would be awarded for English 101 or its equivalent (three credits);
2. If a student receives a score of “3” or “4” on both English AP exams, or a “3” on one and a “4” on the other, credit would be awarded for English 101 and 102 or their equivalents (six credits);
3. If a student receives a score of “5” on either or on both English AP exams, credit would be awarded for English 101 and 102 or their equivalent (six credits).

For additional information concerning the awarding of AP credit, contact the USCB Office of Admissions.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Policy

The University of South Carolina Beaufort recognizes the academic challenge inherent in the IB Program and encourages students who have completed the IB diploma to apply for admission. IB graduates who score well (4-7) on their Higher Level exams will be awarded college credit as determined by the academic departments. No credit is awarded for subjects passed at the Subsidiary level of IB, nor for IB Higher-Level examination scores in the following areas: English A1, Biology, Business and Organization, Chemistry, Computing Studies, Economics, Foreign Languages,
Geography, History, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Psychology, Social Anthropology. To receive credit, the student must have the official examination results sent to the Office of Admissions, University of South Carolina Beaufort, One University Boulevard., Bluffton SC 29909.

**College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**

The University awards credit by examination to CLEP subject examinations only. By attaining an acceptable score, a student may receive credit equal to that normally earned in the comparable University course. To receive credit, the student must have the official examination results sent to the Office of Admissions, University of South Carolina Beaufort One University Boulevard., Bluffton SC 29909. The Program Director will make the decision to award credit based on the score.

CLEP credit is awarded in the following subject areas: Introductory Accounting, Introductory Business Law, Principles of Management, Principles of Marketing, Freshman College Composition, Analysis and Interpretation of Literature, American Literature, English Literature, American History I: Early Colonization to 1877, American History II: 1865 to the Present, Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648, Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present, College Algebra, College Algebra and Trigonometry, Calculus with Elementary Functions, Trigonometry, General Biology, General Chemistry, American Government, General Psychology, Educational Psychology, Introductory Sociology.

**Credit Granted for Educational Experiences in the Military**

USCB recognizes the educational experiences and training that members of the armed forces receive during their time of service. Academic credit may be awarded for educational experiences in the military if they are in accordance with recommendations published by the American Council of Education (ACE) and are consistent with University policy on transfer of credit. Credit will be applied to a degree program upon the approval of the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. For more information contact the USCB Admission’s Office.