

## **Credit for Prior Learning Academic Policy Statement**

**Approved by Faculty Senate on April 7, 2014**

**Policy 1:** CPL can be awarded for any discrete numbered course in any subject area that PSU offers, including course numbers 100-level through 400-level, at departmental discretion. CPL cannot be awarded in subject areas/academic disciplines that PSU does not offer.

**Policy 2:** Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and Military (MIL) credit, like transfer credit, will not be included on the official PSU transcript. PSU Exam and Portfolio credit, like institutional credit, will be included on the official PSU transcript.

**Policy 3:** CPL is limited to Pass only grading. If the CPL review process results in a non-award of credit, no record will be entered on the transcript. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) portfolio and PSU Exam credit will be counted in the current 45-credit P/NP limit. AP, CLEP, IB, and MIL credit will continue to be exempt from the 45 P/NP limit.

**Policy 4:** CPL for a course for which a student has previously earned a D or F does not remove the prior grade from the calculation of the GPA (not eligible to use the PSU repeat policy).

**Policy 5:** CPL will not count toward the necessary residence credits, nor will it interrupt the calculation of the requirement that “45 of the last 60 credits must be at PSU.”

**Policy 6:** CPL can be used in all areas of the baccalaureate degree requirements unless it is restricted in a major by a particular academic unit.

### **Policy 7:**

- AP/IB/CLEP/MIL credit will be evaluated and awarded as transfer credit at the time of admission prior to matriculation/enrollment.
- PSU Exam credit requires the student to be admitted and matriculated/enrolled.
- PLA Portfolio-based CPL requires the students to be admitted, matriculated/enrolled, and in good academic standing.

**Policy 8:** PSU Exam and Portfolio type PLA credit will not be used to establish UNST placement. AP/IB/CLEP/MIL type CPL credit will continue to be used to establish UNST placement.

**Policy 9:** There is no limit on the number of CPL credits a student can be awarded although there are limitations on the number of credits that will be applied to a degree based on previous policy limitations, including P-grading limits in #3 and PSU residency requirements in #5 above. PLA Portfolio and PSU Exam credit are limited to 45 credits combined.

**Key Presumptions:**

These policy recommendations presume that each academic unit, as designated by course prefix, will determine whether any of the various types of CPL options are appropriate for credit within their discipline, and for which particular courses. It also presumes that necessary administrative support and resources will be available to guide the student and department through the process.

This motion, which was presented for vote at the PSU Faculty Senate meeting on April 7, 2014, clarified academic policies related to the official PSU transcript and use of Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) credit toward a PSU degree. This followed up on the 2005 resolution whereby Faculty Senate approved portfolio review for CPL. The 2014 motion was approved with 46 senators in favor, 8 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

[Faculty Senate minutes about this discussion](#), pp. 57-58.