

PIERPONT COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE (updated for 2017-18)

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Pierpont grants credit for prior learning through a variety of methods including military training, advanced placement exams, advanced standing, articulation, CLEP exams, credit by examination and portfolio examination. No more than fifty percent of a degree can be earned through prior learn credit, except for the WV state Board of Governors Associate of Applied Science degree.

ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING

Students who have completed basic training may be granted credit of four semester hours which may be granted a maximum of four (4) semester hours of credit which may be used to satisfy a physical education and/or elective requirement. It is the responsibility of the student to request this credit and verify military experience.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMINATION (AP)

Pierpont Community & Technical College recognizes certain examinations of the College Board Advanced Placement Program. Students who participate in AP the program and wish to have their scores evaluated for credit should have their scores sent from the College Board to Pierpont Community & Technical College. The AP examinations are prepared by the College Board, and the papers are graded by readers of the Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ 08540. Students cannot receive credit for a score below 3 on any exam. Students who do receive credit will be assigned the grade of CR, which is not calculated into the GPA.

<u>AP Examination</u>	<u>Minimum Score</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Course Equivalent</u>
Art (Studio)			
Studio Art Drawing	3	3	ARTD 1142 (previously ART 1142)
Studio Art 2-D Design	3	3	ARTD 1140 (previously ART 1140)
Studio Art 3-D Design	3	3	ARTD 1141 (previously ART 1141)
Art History	3	3	Elective
Biology	3	4	SCIE 1100
Biology	3	8	BIOL 1105 & 1106
Chemistry	3	8	CHEM 1101 & 1102
Classics			
Latin: Virgil	3	3	not offered at Pierpont
Computer Science			
Computer Science A	3	3	Elective
Computer Science Principles	3	3	INFO 2240
Economics			
Macroeconomics	3	3	ECON 2201
Microeconomics	3	3	ECON 2202
English			
English Lang & Composition	3	3	ENGL 1104
English Composition & Lit	3	3	ENGL 2230
Environmental Science	3	4	Elective
Foreign Language			
Chinese Lang. & Culture	3	6	not offered at Pierpont
French Language	3	6	FREN 1101 & 1102
German Language	3	6	Elective
Japanese Lang. & Culture	3	6	not offered at Pierpont
Spanish Language	3	6	SPAN 1101, 1102
Spanish Literature	3	6	SPAN elective
Geography			
Human Geography	3	3	GEOG 2210
Government and Politics			
United States	3	3	POLI 1103
Comparative	3	3	POLI 2200
History			
United States	3	6	HIST 1107 & 1108
European	3	6	HIST elective
World	3	6	HIST 2211 & 2212

Mathematics			
Calculus AB	3	4	MTH 1290 (previously MATH 1190)
Calculus BC	3	4	MTH 1290 (previously MATH 1190)
Calculus BC	4	4	MTH 1290 (previously MATH 1190)
Statistics	3	3	MTH 1213 (previously MATH 1113)
Music Theory	3	3	MUSI elective
Physics			
Physics 1	3	4	PHY 1101 (previously PHYS 1101)
Physics 2	3	4	PHY 1102 (previously PHYS 1102)
Physics C Electricity & Magnetism	3	5	PHY 1106 (previously PHYS 1105)
Physics C Mechanics	3	5	PHY 1105 (previously PHYS 1106)
Psychology			
Psychology	3	3	PSYC 1101

ADVANCED STANDING

Based on the high school record and performance on the ACT or SAT, the Registrar will determine eligibility for advanced standing and credit in

English and foreign language as follows:

- English: Students may receive three hours of college credit in ENGL 1104 and may enroll in ENGL 1108 if they present four units of high school English with no semester grade of less than a 'B' and a standard score of 25 or higher on the English section of the ACT or 640 on the evidence based reading and writing (EBRW) section of the redesigned SAT.
- Foreign Language: Students who present one or more units of high school FREN or SPAN may enroll in FREN 1102 or SPAN 1102. Students who present two or more units of high school French or Spanish may enroll in FREN 2201 or SPAN 2201.

ARTICULATION POLICY

Articulation between Pierpont Community & Technical College and regional high schools and career technical education centers permits students to receive college credit for certain course competencies completed at the secondary level. Students are permitted to enter college at their level of competency and avoid duplication of course work. Students should contact their high school or Career & Technical Education Center counselor for specific information concerning the articulation process.

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP™)

The College Level examination Program (CLEP) provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement through a program of exams in undergraduate college courses. Students can reduce their costs in and time and money by successfully completing CLEP tests for credit. The CLEP exams are prepared by the College Board® and administered by Pierpont Community & Technical College. Students must receive a minimum score of 50 to receive college credit. Students who receive credit will be assigned a grade of CR. For additional information contact the Center for Workforce Education at (304) 367-4920 or (304)368-7254.

CLEP Examinations Accepted by Pierpont Community & Technical College

<u>CLEP Examination</u>	<u>Pierpont Course</u>	<u>Credit hours</u>
Business		
Introductory Business Law	BUSN 2300	3
Principles of Accounting	ACCT 2201, 2202	6
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 2201	3
Principles of Management	MGMT 2209	3
Principles of Marketing	MKTG 2204	3
Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 2202	3
Chemistry		
Chemistry	CHEM 1101, 1102	8
Composition/Humanities		
College Composition	ENGL 1104	3

Humanities	ARTD 1120	3
Sociology		
Introduction to Sociology	SOCY 1110	3
History		
History of U.S. I	HIST 1107	3
History of U.S. II	HIST 1108	3
Western Civilization I	HIST 2211	3
Western Civilization II	HIST 2212	3
Language		
French	FREN 1101, 1102	6
Spanish	SPAN 1101, 1102	6
Mathematics		
College Algebra	MTH 1212	3
College Algebra-Trigonometry	MTH 1212, 1215	3
College Math	MTH 1207	3
Political Science		
American Government	POLI 1103	3
Psychology		
Introduction to Psychology	PSYC 1101	3

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Students may earn course credit by examination. To apply for permission for such an examination,

- Students must be currently enrolled at Pierpont Community & Technical College.
- Students must first schedule an interview with the program coordinator where the course is housed, or an examiner designated by that School Dean or the Vice President of Academic Affairs, who will evaluate the student's background, experience, and qualifications to establish eligibility and give permission to take the examination.
- Application forms for "Credit by Examination" must be completed with the School Dean's approval and required fees must be paid prior to the exam being given. Applicants must pay a fee of \$22.00 per semester credit hour for each examination and a receipt for the payment of the fee must be obtained from the Student Service Center. No money will be refunded if an examination is failed, and no examination may be repeated.
- Once a student obtains permission to test and makes the payment, he/she makes arrangements with the Exam Administrator/Coordinator/Instructor for completing the exam, and takes the completed "Credit by Examination" form with proof of payment to the Exam Administrator/Coordinator/Instructor.
- In order to gain college credit by special examination, students must demonstrate better than average established proficiency on the examination, as determined by the examiner.
- Examinations will not be given for college courses in which students have previously received a letter grade, "CR", "NC", "NCX", "W", or "I", on their transcript or are currently enrolled in.
- Once the test is completed the Exam Administrator/Coordinator/Instructor sends the completed "Credit by Examination" form, and completed exam to be filed in the Office of Academic Affairs.
- The Office of Academic Affairs then sends the "Credit by Examination" form and a copy of the completed exam to the Registrar for scanning into the permanent record of the student.
- Students successfully passing an exam will be assigned the grade of CR, which is not calculated into the GPA.

PORTFOLIO PROCESS

A portfolio may not be submitted for a course in which there is a CLEP or other standardized award credit or for which an institutional test-out exists. A portfolio must align with the student learning outcomes of a specific course offered at Pierpont or at another WV higher education institution. A portfolio will be reviewed and recommended for college credit by a faculty expert(s) in that content area. Students may receive fewer credits than requested. Students are expected to pay portfolio review fee before the portfolio is sent out for review, and payment of portfolio fees does not guarantee that credits will be granted. If credit is granted, the grade of CR will be given.

A PLA coordinator will assist the student in deciding whether or not a portfolio submission is recommended. Cost of the portfolio evaluation is \$300 and a \$10 credit posting fee per credit earned. The fees are not financial aid eligible.

TRANSFER CREDIT AND CORE COURSEWORK TRANSFER

Any applicant for admission to Pierpont who has attended another collegiate institution will be classified as a transfer student. Pierpont will make every effort to allow credit earned at institutions that are accredited by organizations recognized by Higher Learning Commission count toward a degree at Pierpont. Students must provide evidence of good standing at the institution last attended and have maintained a minimum 2.0 GPA. Credits earned at those accredited institutions shall be transferable to Pierpont. Students transferring fewer than 24 semester hours must provide an official copy of their high school transcript or high school equivalency diploma scores, and ACT or SAT scores if taken.

The institution follows the guidelines in WVCTCS Series 17, "Transferability of Credits and Grades at the Undergraduate Level". The Series establishes guidelines for the transferability of credits and grades for WV public and private post-secondary colleges and universities. Students seeking to challenge the credit transferred in by Pierpont can appeal to the registrar.

Students that transfer from one state college or university may also transfer Core Coursework that will count toward the fulfillment of general studies requirements at the receiving institutions. Under the terms of the agreement, the student may transfer up to thirty-five credit hours of undergraduate coursework in the areas of English composition, communications and literature, fine arts appreciation, mathematics, natural science and social science as general studies credits.

CORE COURSEWORK TRANSFER LIST

The following is a list of general studies requirements that may be fulfilled by comparable coursework at other state institutions. All other general education requirements must be completed at Pierpont.

English Composition – 6 hours

ENGL 1104	Written English I	3 credits
ENGL 1108	Written English II	3 credits
ENGL 1109	Technical Report Writing	3 credits

Communication and Literature – 6 hours

COMM 2200	Intro to Human Communication	3 credits
ENGL 2220	Literature of the Western World I	3 credits
ENGL 2221	Literature of the Western World II	3 credits
ENGL 2230	Introduction to Literature I	3 credits
ENGL 2231	Introduction to Literature II	3 credits
HUMN 2200	Bridging Cultures: Work & Identity in a Global Perspective	3 credits

Fine Arts – 3 hours

ARTD 1120	Art Appreciation (previously ART 1120)	3 credits
INTR 1120	Experiencing the Arts	3 credits
MUSI 1120	Music Appreciation	3 credits
THEA 1120	Theatre Appreciation	3 credits

Mathematics – 3-4 hours

MTH 1207	Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics (previously MATH 1107)	3 credits
MTH 1212	College Algebra (previously MATH 1112)	3 credits
MTH 1215	Trigonometry and Elementary Functions (previously MATH 1115)	3 credits
MTH 1290	Calculus I (previously MATH 1190)	3 credits

Natural Science – 8 – 10 hours

BIOL 1105	Biological Principles I	4 credits
BIOL 1106	Biological Principles I	4 credits
CHEM 1101	General Chemistry I	4 credits
CHEM 1102	General Chemistry II	4 credits
CHEM 1105	Chemical Principles I	5 credits
GEOL 1101	General Geology I	4 credits
GEOL 1102	General Geology II	4 credits
PHY 1101	Principles of Physics I (previously PHYS 1101)	4 credits
PHY 1103	Physics in the Arts 1: Light and Color (previously PHYS 1103)	4 credits

Social Science - 9 hours

ECON 2201	Economic Principles	3 credits
HIST 1107	US History I	3 credits
HIST 1108	US History II	3 credits
HIST 2211	World Civilization I	3 credits
HIST 2212	World Civilization II	3 credits
HIST 2213	World Civilization III	3 credits
POLI 1103	American Government	3 credits
PSYC 1101	Intro to Psychology	3 credits
SOCY 1110	Intro to Sociology	3 credits