

Transfer Credit

Bethel University welcomes transfer students. Students transferring from two-year institutions must complete at least 48 hours of coursework at Bethel University. Students may transfer up to 80 hours of credit. Residency and all other Bethel University degree requirements must be met. Any student with an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree designed for transfer to a four-year college or university parallel program is presumed to have completed all common core requirements for Bethel University except Religion 111 and 112 and in the case of Nursing program students, except Mathematics 111. Students transferring without an associate degree, whether from two-year or four-year institutions, must complete all Bethel University core requirements not met by transferred equivalent courses. The residency requirements of Bethel must be satisfied despite the number of hours transferred.

Students who have completed course work at college-level, degree-granting institutions that are not accredited by a regional accrediting agency but which are accredited as degree granting institutions by an accrediting agency that is recognized by the Department of Education may petition the University Registrar to have these courses toward their degree at Bethel University. The student must submit an official transcript from any such institution. Credit determination is made by the University Registrar on a course-by-course basis dependent upon course content and other documentation which the student may be required to provide from the institution involved. The Registrar may consult with faculty in regard to the credit to be granted.

Transfer hours attempted, hours earned, grades, grade points, and GPA's earned at other colleges and universities will be included in the Bethel University academic transcript record. A Bethel University student enrolled in the College of Professional Studies who applies for admission to the College of Liberal Arts will have all prior transfer hours attempted, hours earned, grades, grade points, and GPA's earned at other colleges and universities included in the Bethel University academic transcript record.

Credit by Examination

Challenge Examinations are available to students enrolled at Bethel. Students may be awarded course credit based on results. All applications for departmental Challenge Examinations must be approved by the course instructor, the student's advisor, and the Division Chair of the division offering the course. A department may adopt a standardized examination or develop a departmental exam which may be oral, written, or both.

There may also be some courses in which the department does not offer a challenge exam. Students desiring to receive credit by Challenge Exam must start the procedure in the Office of the Registrar. All tuition costs connected with a particular exam must be met by the student prior to the testing date. Applications for such

credit a particular course may be initiated only once. Challenge credit may not be used as a repeat of a course taken earlier. Credit will be awarded on a "Pass" basis only. A "Pass" is considered a level of work earning a C grade or higher. A failure on an exam will be recorded as an F on the transcript for that course. A maximum of 12 semester hours in 100- and/or 200-level courses may be earned through Challenge Examinations. No upper division courses are available for Challenge Examinations. (Challenge Examinations are not available for any courses in which CLEP or DANTES examinations are offered. Students who fail a CLEP or DANTES examination cannot take a Challenge Examination in that subject.)

Students may qualify for advanced standing (maximum of 30 hours) by submitting acceptable scores as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE) on the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support (DANTES) academic subjects or by submitting acceptable scores (minimum of 3) on the College Board's Advance Placement Program (AP). Note: No science lab credit is available through CLEP or DANTES. ACE educational credit by examination, including credit transcribed by regionally accredited community colleges and ACE credit for training programs are also included in this area. Military personnel/veterans qualify for advanced standing due to course work taken in the Armed Forces. Bethel University accepts up to 60 hours of CLEP, DANTES, military and portfolio credit. However, a student may earn no more than 30 hours of ACE credit, which includes CLEP and DANTES credit, and no more than 30 hours of portfolio credit. Grades and quality points are not given for advanced standing credit. As a result, a passing examination score will not act as a repeat of a previous grade in any class. It is also important to note that students will not be allowed to duplicate credit in any of the sections or transfer credit.