

TRANSFER CREDIT

An applicant who has previously enrolled in any other College, University, or post-secondary institution must furnish the Registrar with official transcripts of all work previously earned and accepted. To be eligible for admission to East Mississippi Community College, the student must be eligible for immediate readmission to the College last attended. Up to forty-eight (48) semester hours of academic courses and credit other than developmental or remedial can be accepted at full value as they correspond to the curriculum of East Mississippi Community College, provided they are earned at a regionally accredited post-secondary institution. For purposes of determining accreditation status, the U.S. Department of Education database will be consulted. Transfer of technical and career education credits is evaluated on an individual basis by the various Career and Technical program advisors. Transcripts from other Colleges for transfer students will be distributed to the appropriate individual for evaluation upon arrival. Once evaluated, the student should be informed of transfer credit.

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION/MILITARY

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) - The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) allows students to earn College credit by examination. By successfully completing CLEP subject tests, students may earn College credit. Credit is awarded for a scaled score of 50 or above on the subject tests. East Mississippi Community College is not a testing center for CLEP. Academic credits awarded through CLEP will carry a grade of "P" and will not be used in calculating GPA. Advanced Placement - Credit will be awarded on scores of 3 or higher on AP examinations administered by the College Entrance Examinations Board. Academic credit earned through AP will carry a grade of "P" and will not be used in calculating GPA.

Military Experience - Credit may be earned for military experience as evaluated by the American Council on Education in its annual guides. Military credit must be directly related to specific courses taught by East Mississippi Community College and is limited to thirty (30) semester hours.

CHALLENGE EXAMINATION (EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING)

East Mississippi Community College believes it is important to recognize that learning takes place both inside and outside of a formal classroom setting, especially industry and the military. In order to provide instructional credit for students who have previously mastered outcomes required in a given course, a Challenge Examination Policy has been developed to allow students an opportunity to pass a challenge examination on the subject matter being taught for which prior experiential learning has occurred. Credit awarded for such Challenge Examinations will be posted to a student's transcript subject to his/her meeting admission requirements and enrolling at the College. The Challenge Examination must be administered by a qualified faculty member or college administrator in accordance with the following:

1. The candidate for the Challenge Examination must be admitted to East Mississippi Community College as a student.
2. The candidate must have discussed his/her interest in taking a Challenge Examination with the appropriate faculty member and demonstrate to that faculty member's satisfaction that he/she has mastered the subject matter in some prior learning environment.
3. The candidate must complete a Challenge Examination Form.
4. The request must be approved by the instructor and Vice President of Instruction before the examination is given.
5. Challenge examinations shall be comprehensive in scope covering content taught in the entire course.
6. If the course being challenged has a laboratory component, the challenge exam must have a performance component which demonstrates mastery of the skills required in the course.

The total credit that may be earned by challenge examinations for any individual program of study may not exceed 16 semester credit hours. Students may take the challenge examination at a cost of \$25. Challenge examination will be administered on pass-fail basis only. A minimum passing score on any challenge examination will be 80% mastery. The successful completion of the challenge examination will result in the posting of a "P" grade to the candidate's transcript. Unsuccessful completion of the challenge examination will result in the student's receiving no grade of any kind. A student may only challenge a given course one time.