

Transfer of Credit

Students who have taken classes for credit at other institutions of higher learning may request that those credits be transferred to a degree program at SLCC. An official transcript from every college attended must be sent to the Admissions Office for review. The Registrar evaluates all transcripts and may grant credit for courses in which the final grade was a “C” or better.

SLCC recognizes two levels of transfer credits:

- Those applied to an SLCC degree. Courses for which SLCC has an equivalent and which satisfy a degree requirement will be applied to the degree.
- Those generally accepted for admissions purposes, when credits have been earned for courses for which SLCC does not have an equivalent. Students are limited to 15 hours of non-applicable transfer credits for financial aid and other purposes.

Credits earned at regionally accredited or ABHE-accredited institutions are transferred without further scrutiny; credits earned at unaccredited institutions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis before being validated. There is no limit to the number of applicable transfer credits, except that a student must take a minimum of 30 credit hours at SLCC. Certain other conditions apply in cases involving special partnership programs between SLCC and other institutions; please contact the Academic Office for further information.

Note: Transfer credits are not included in the computation of students' GPA at SLCC.

Accepting Credits from Unaccredited Colleges

Saint Louis Christian College will accept in transfer a limited number of credits from unaccredited institutions of higher education. An unaccredited institution is defined as a college or university that has no official recognition (Candidacy or Membership) with the Association for Biblical Higher Education, a postsecondary regional accrediting commission, or another accrediting association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education at the time the course work was completed. The Registrar will determine acceptance of credit based upon the following criteria:

Student must be transferring into, and pursuing, a bachelor-degree program.

Up to twelve (12) credit hours may be accepted if:

Courses to be transferred were taught by appropriately credentialed individuals.

Course instructional materials (textbook, syllabi, etc.) represent generally accepted collegiate standards.

Correspondence Courses

Students may also obtain college credit through the completion of correspondence courses taken at an approved and accredited institution. The maximum credit accepted for correspondence courses toward a bachelor-degree program is 9 semester hours (4 hours in associate-degree programs).

Credit by Examination

Students may be eligible for up to 30 hours of credit through participation in nationally recognized examinations. To receive credit for these examinations, the student must be enrolled at SLCC. Credit will be applied to equivalent courses in the student's degree program. Students need to be aware, however, that other colleges may have different standards for granting credit by examination. All credits accepted by SLCC may not transfer to other institutions. The college does not grant duplicate credit for subject areas covered by multiple examinations (e.g., AP credit for English *and* CLEP credit for English).

Advanced Placement (AP)— High school students may receive credit for Advanced Placement Examinations sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board. Students should check with their high school counselors about taking these exams. Test scores should be sent to the Registrar's Office at SLCC. Students must assume the responsibility for taking the AP examination and requesting the scores be sent to Saint Louis Christian College. After receiving these scores, the Registrar will determine the appropriate amount and type of credit earned. College credit may be granted for scores of three or higher.

Dantes, PEP— Students enrolling at Saint Louis Christian College may secure credit through other standardized examinations. Two examples are the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES) for courses completed during military service, and PEP (Proficiency Examination Program). Requests are handled on a case-by-case basis.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) — Students may earn college credit by taking CLEP examinations sponsored by the College Entrance Examination Board. The score recommended by the College Board is used in determining the acceptability of CLEP for credit. Saint Louis Christian College grants credit hours equal to the SLCC course equivalent. Additional credits may then be applied to general education elective hours.