

Non-Traditional Learning

Solano Community College awards non-traditional credit for CLEP (College Level Examination Program), Credit by-Examination, Advanced Standing, USAFI/DANTES, formal military service schools, and military service. The maximum credit for all non-traditional credit accepted by Solano College may not exceed twenty-four (24) semester units.

Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should note that non-traditional credit accepted by Solano College may not be acceptable for transfer. Students should check with prospective transfer colleges regarding their policies on non-traditional credit.

ADVANCED STANDING

Students may apply for advanced academic standing through waiver of certain courses as identified by academic divisions. To receive course waivers, the student must demonstrate knowledge of the subject to be waived through examination, previous study, or related work experience. Units are not awarded. Students who receive course waivers must complete the minimum number of units for the major and Associate Degree as required by the California Code of Regulations.

CLEP EXAMINATIONS APPROVED AT SOLANO COLLEGE

Students who receive satisfactory scores on the CLEP (College Level Entrance Program) tests listed below will be awarded college credits for SCC equivalent courses. For more information contact the Office of Admissions and Records.

| EXAMINATION | SCC CREDIT AWARDED | EQUIVALENT COURSE & (SCORE) |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| General Examinations: | | |
| English Comp (with essay) | 3 units | ENGL 1 (50) |
| Humanities | 3 units | Elective Credit (50) |
| College Mathematics | 3 units | Elective Credit (49) |
| Natural Sciences | 5 units | Elective Credit (49) |
| Social Sciences & History | 3 units | Elective Credit (47) |
| Subject Examinations: | | |
| Pre-Calculus | 3 units | MATH 320 (50) |
| American Government | 3 units | POLSC 1 (50) |
| History of the United States I: Early Colonizations to 1877 | 3 units | HIST 17 (50) |
| History of the United States II: 1865 to the Present | 3 units | HIST 18 (46) |
| American Literature | 6 units | ENGL 30, 31 (46) |
| Analyzing & Interpreting Literature | 3 units | ENGL 2 (47) |
| English Literature | 6 units | ENGL 30, 31 (46) |
| College Composition | 3 units | ENGL 1 (50) |
| General Biology | 5 units | BIOSC 2 (49) |
| Calculus with Elementary Functions | 4 units | MATH 20 (50) |
| General Chemistry | 5 units | CHEM 1 or 2 (48) |
| Introductory Psychology | 3 units | PSYCH 1 (47) |
| Human Growth/Development | 3 units | HU DV 38 (47) |
| Principles of Accounting | 3 units | ACCT 1 (50) |
| Principles of Macroeconomics | 3 units | ECON 1 (48) |
| Principles of Microeconomics | 3 units | ECON 2 (48) |
| Introduction to Business Law | 3 units | BUS 18 (50) |
| Information Syst & Computer Appl. | 3 units | CIS 1 (50) |
| Principles of Marketing | 3 units | MKT 171 (48) |
| Introductory Sociology | 3 units | SOCIO 1 (46) |

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMINATION BOARD (CEEB)

College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Examination Credit

Students who receive a score of 3,4, or 5 on Advance Placement (AP) examinations are awarded college units for equivalent courses as indicated below. For more information you may contact the Office of Admissions and Records.

| Equivalent Examination | Score | Awarded | Credit Course | SCC |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| English | | | | |
| Language & Comp | 3,4,5 | 3 units | ENGL 1 | |
| Lit & Composition | 3 | 3 units | ENGL 1 | |
| Lit & Composition | 4,5 | 6 units | ENGL 1, 2 | |
| Foreign Languages | | | | |
| French Lang | 3,4,5 | 5 or 3 | FRNCH 3 or 11 | |
| French Lit | 3,4,5 | 5 units | FRNCH 4 | |
| German Lang | 4,5 | 5 units | GERMN 4 | |
| German Lang | 3 | 5 or 3 | GERMN 3 or 11 | |
| Latin (Vergil & Caltilus/Horace) | 3,4,5 | 3 units | LATIN 3 | |
| Spanish Lang | 4,5 | 5 or 3 | SPAN 3 or 11 | |
| Spanish Lang | 3 | 5 units | SPAN 2 | |
| Spanish Lit | 4,5 | 5 units | SPAN 4 | |
| Humanities | | | | |
| Studio Art | 5 | 6 units | ART 1 - 48 | |
| Studio Art | 3,4 | 3 units | ART 1 - 48 | |
| Studio Art (Draw) | 5 | 6 units | ART 1 - 48 | |
| Studio Art (Draw) | 3,4 | 3 units | ART 1 - 48 | |
| Art History | 5 | 6 units | ART 1, 2 | |
| Art History | 3,4 | 3 units | ART 1 or 2 | |
| U.S. History | 3,4,5 | 6 units | HIST 17, 18 | |
| Eur History | 3,4,5 | 6 units | HIST 4,5 | |
| Music Theory | 3,4,5 | 3 units | Elective | |
| Natural Science | | | | |
| Biology | 3,4,5 | 4 units | BIOSC 15 | |
| Chemistry* | 4,5 | 5 units | CHEM 1 | |
| Computer Sc AB | 3,4,5 | 3 units | CIS 22 | |
| Calculus AB | 4,5 | 4 units | MATH 20 | |
| Calculus BC | 4,5 | 8 units | MATH 20, 21 | |
| | | or | 6 units | MATH 30, 31 |
| Physics B* | 4,5 | 8 units | PHYS 2, 4 | |
| Physics C* | 4,5 | 4 units | CHEM 6 | |
| Social Science | | | | |
| Gov't & Pol of US | 3,4,5 | 3 units | POLSC 1 | |
| Econ (Micro) | 3,4,5 | 3 units | ECON 2 | |
| Econ (Macro) | 3,4,5 | 3 units | ECON 1 | |

* Continuing Course: Determined by consultation with Division Dean and Division Faculty Member.

CREDIT-BY-EXAMINATION

Credit-by-examination is available for some courses that are not remedial or normally taught at or below the secondary education level. Courses eligible for credit-by-examination have been identified by the appropriate academic division. The amount of credit granted may not exceed the amount listed for the specific course in the college catalog.

To be eligible, the student must be enrolled currently at the College in at least one (1) graded course other than those being taken for credit-by-examination, be in good standing (overall 2.0 GPA) and have completed a minimum of 12 units in residence or will have completed a minimum of 12 semester units by the end of the current semester, exclusive of units to be earned by the credit-by-examination. All prerequisites must be met or waived by the Division Dean before a student takes an examination for credit, and no examination may be repeated. The maximum

number of units that may be earned by credit-by-examination is 15. A petition for credit-by-examination must be filed with the Office of Admissions and Records no later than the fourth week of the semester.

If the petition for credit-by-examination is approved by the Division Dean, the student returns the petition to the Office of Admissions and Records. Eligibility will be checked and payment of a fee for preparation and administration of the examination in the amount of \$20 per course unit to a maximum of \$120.

Students may obtain a copy of the policy and the credit-by-examination petition form from the Information Window at the Office of Admissions and Records.

FORMAL MILITARY SERVICE SCHOOLS

Elective college units may be allowed for the successful completion of college-level training in formal service schools as recommended by The Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, published by the American Council on Education.

MILITARY SERVICE

Solano College will grant six (6) elective units for military service if the person has a) spent at least one year in active service, and b) has received an honorable discharge. Active duty personnel should submit a copy of DD295 (veterans submit DD214) to the Office of Admissions and Records for evaluation. These units do not meet the health and physical education requirements for graduation.

ONLINE AND ONLINE/HYBRID CLASSES

Solano College offers two types of internet classes for credit: Online and online/hybrid classes. These classes are taught either entirely over the internet (online sections) or partly over the internet and partly in the classroom (online/hybrid sections). Also, these classes have regular assignment schedules and reading material and the same learning requirements as traditional classes. Only the delivery formats differ.

Participation in online sections and online/hybrid sections require that students have a computer with internet access and a browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape) and an e-mail address that is on file with Solano College. To file your e-mail address, from Solano College's web page, go to "Online Services" and log in to the Student Information area. The individual classes will also have additional requirements such as a textbook and possibly a specific software program to be used.

Online: These classes utilize the internet and e-mail to create an educational experience that is completely independent of time and place. Students still purchase textbook(s) and take tests, but they do the majority of the class work at a computer connected to the internet. They work according to their own schedule, at home, in the office, or on general access computers on campus. All course materials, the syllabus, assignments, tests, and links to other web resources, are contained on the course site. Students communicate with their instructor (and each other) by sending

and receiving e-mail and by participating in "threaded discussions" (discussions that continue over time where students drop in to read the comments and to add their own). While online classes may not be for everyone, they are well suited to students who have busy schedules, who do not or cannot travel to campus, who have access to a computer, and who like the idea of going to class when it is convenient for them.

Online/hybrid: These classes use a combination of the face-to-face and online formats. Typically, the class will meet as a group once a week, and the remaining time is spent online. Some activities will be conducted in a group (traditional class) format and some activities are conducted individually (online). These classes offer the best of both worlds - flexibility with the online portion and the sense of being in a group with the traditional class meeting.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

At Solano College, the opportunity to study abroad is available for all students. Students of various language skills have the opportunity to participate in study abroad programs all over the world. Students can elect a program where the language of instruction is a foreign language or alternately may choose a program where the language of instruction is English. Solano College also has information on a wide variety of exciting opportunities such as volunteering abroad, exchange programs, internship abroad or work abroad programs.

Solano College has joined with other California Community Colleges and the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) to offer students the opportunity to study abroad. In addition to being eligible for any California Community College Program, students may prepare for study abroad via California State University's Study Abroad Program, University of California's Education Abroad Program, or numerous higher education institutions and private programs.

Solano College students may participate in semester, year long, or summer programs all over the world. Many locations are available, including places such as: Australia, England, France, Mexico, Northern Europe, South America, Spain, Italy, Holland, Austria, Czech Republic, Ireland, Russia, Poland, South Africa, China and Japan. The world can be your classroom through study abroad.

To be eligible to study abroad via Solano and other Community College Programs, a student must have completed 12 units of post secondary college work at Solano or another regionally accredited institution, be at least 18 years of age, and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher, depending on the program. For programs that require language skills, students typically need 1-2 years of successful work in the language. In addition, students also have the option of beginning their junior year at a CSU or UC as a study abroad student. The deadline for these academic year programs generally is in early spring. Courses offered through study abroad programs are usually transferable to accredited colleges and universities.

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) program offers funding for students wishing to study abroad. Solano College is also affiliated with the National Security Education Program, which offers scholarships for study abroad. Additional private scholarships may be available.

Students who would like additional information on study abroad should see a counselor early in their academic program to be well prepared. Appointments can be made in the Counseling Center, building 100.