

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) (p. 1)

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is a national organization dedicated to the improvement and expansion of the teaching and learning of all languages at all levels of instruction.

Credit will be awarded for ACTFL assessment results toward satisfaction of foreign language requirements as designated below. Students wishing to earn language proficiency credits through the ACTFL should take the assessment as early as possible but no earlier than two years prior to matriculation to Biola. English language proficiency through ACTFL does **not** meet the Core English or Writing Competency Requirements (WCR). Biola University reserves the right to determine the score at which credits will be released and the amount of credit awarded.

A student may take the ACTFL foreign language exam without pre-approval from the Office of the Registrar. To obtain credit, the student must seek a higher level of language than previously awarded language credits. A maximum of 32 credits can be awarded for all forms of advanced credit (AP, CLEP, IB, ACTFL, STAMP 4S, etc.). If the same course is taken at the college level, elective credits cannot be given for the equivalent ACTFL exam.

Specific ACTFL tests in any language would receive credit as follows:

- Intermediate Low on **OPI** (or OPIc) and **WPT** covers **LANGUAGE 100** (4 credits)
- Intermediate Mid or above on **OPI** (or OPIc), **WPT**, and **LPT** covers **LANGUAGE 100 & 200** (8 credits)

ACTFL Rating	OPI	OPIc	WPT	LPT	Number of Credits	Biola Credit
Novice High	3LD	3LD	3LD		0	
Intermediate Low	3LD	3LD	3LD		4	Language 100
Intermediate Mid	6LD	6LD	6LD	3LD	8	Language 100, 200
Intermediate High	9LD	9LD	6LD + 2UD	3LD	8	Language 100, 200
Advanced Low	9LD	9LD	6LD + 2UD	6LD	8	Language 100, 200
Advanced Mid	6LD + 3UD	6LD + 3UD	6LD + 3UD	6LD	8	Language 100, 200
Advanced High	6LD + 6UD	6LD + 6UD	6LD + 6UD	6LD	8	Language 100, 200
Superior	6LD + 6UD	6LD + 6UD	6LD + 6UD	6LD	8	Language 100, 200

Advanced Placement Program (AP) (p. 1)

Biola University, as a member of the College Entrance Examination Board, recognizes the merits of the Advanced Placement Program and will grant credit for Advanced Placement exams taken in high school.

Credit will be given when the Advanced Placement examination grade is 3 or better.

A maximum of 32 credits can be awarded for all forms of advanced credit (AP, CLEP, IB, ACTFL, STAMP 4S, etc.). Torrey students: Math and/or science credits are needed for Core Curriculum credit. All other AP credits will count as elective credits toward graduation.

AP Exam	Number of Credits	Biola Credit
Art		
Art History	3	Core Curriculum Fine Arts
Studio Art: 2D Design	3	Elective
Studio Art: 3D Design	3	Elective
Studio Art: Drawing	3	Elective
Biology		
Biology	5	Core Curriculum Science (or BIOS 100/ BIOS 110). General elective only for biology majors
Chemistry¹		
Chemistry	4	Core Curriculum Science
Computer Science		
Computer Science A	3	Elective
Computer Science Principles	2	Elective
Economics		
Macroeconomics	3	BUSN 201
Microeconomics	3	BUSN 202
English		
English Language and Composition	3	ENGL 112
English Literature and Composition	3	ENGL 112
Environmental Science		
Environmental Science	3	Core Curriculum Science
History		
United States History	3	HIST 200
U.S. Government and Politics	3	POSC 225
Comparative Government and Politics	3	POSC elective (lower-division)
World History	3	HIST 100
European History	3	HIST elective (lower-division)
Human Geography		
Human Geography	3	Elective
Language		

Language and Culture for all languages (score of 3)	4	Language 100
Language and Culture for all languages (score of 4 or 5)	8	Language 100 and Language 200
Spanish Literature and Culture (score of 4 or 5)	4	SPAN 351
Math²		
Calculus AB ^{1,3,4}	4	MATH 150
Calculus BC ^{1,3,5}	8	MATH 150 and MATH 151
Statistics	3	MATH 190 or MATH 210
Music		
Music Theory	3	Elective
Physics¹		
Physics 1	4	Core Curriculum Science
Physics 2	4	Core Curriculum Science
Physics C - Electricity and Magnetism	4	Core Curriculum Science
Physics C - Mechanics	4	Core Curriculum Science
Psychology		
Psychology ⁶	3	PSYC 200
Seminar		
Seminar	3	Elective

¹ Many medical schools do not accept AP credit in lieu of college-level course credit to fulfill admission requirements.

² Chemistry, biochemistry, physics, engineering physics, and engineering majors receive credit as follows:

- 5 on Calc AB can cover MATH 150.
- 4 on Calc BC can cover MATH 150 only.
- 5 on Calc BC covers both MATH 150 and MATH 151.

³ A maximum of 8 credits may be counted for Calculus AB/BC.

⁴ Math and Computer Science majors must have a score of 4 or 5 for MATH 150 credit.

⁵ Math and Computer Science majors must have a score of 4 or 5 for MATH 150 and MATH 151 credit.

⁶ Psychology majors must have a score of 4 or 5.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) (p. 2)

Biola University recognizes the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) of the College Entrance Examination Board. Students should take CLEP exams as early as possible in their college program to receive their maximum value.

Biola University reserves the right to determine the score at which credits will be released and the amount of credit awarded.

Students are not permitted to take English composition through CLEP for credit. English composition through CLEP does not meet the English Composition requirement.

To obtain credit for a foreign language CLEP exam, the student must seek a higher level of language than previously completed in high school or through college.

Students who withdraw during the term to take CLEP will be refunded according to the tuition refund schedule and will not be eligible for a full refund.

A maximum of 32 credits can be awarded for all forms of advanced credit (AP, CLEP, IB, ACTFL, STAMP 4S, etc.). If the same course is taken at the college level, elective credits cannot be given for the CLEP exam. Biola accepts a minimum credit-granting score of 50 or higher (a higher score required where designated, see below).

Please contact the Office of the Registrar with further questions.

CLEP Exam	Number of Credits	Biola Credit
Behavioral Science		
Introductory Psychology	3	PSYC 200
Introductory Sociology	3	SOCI 220
Human Growth and Development	3	Elective
Intro to Educational Psychology	3	Elective
Business		
Financial Accounting	3	Elective
Info Systems and Computer Appls.	3	Elective
Introductory Business Law	3	Elective
Principles of Management	3	BUSN 240
Principles of Marketing	3	Elective
Economics		
Principles of Macroeconomics	3	BUSN 201
Principles of Microeconomics	3	BUSN 202
Foreign Language		
French Language		
Score of 55	4	FREN 100
Score of 66	8	FREN 100, FREN 200
German Language		
Score of 55	4	GRMN 100
Score of 63	8	GRMN 100, GRMN 200
Spanish Language		
Score of 58	4	SPAN 100
Score of 68	8	SPAN 100, SPAN 200

Literature

American Literature	3	ENGL 281
English Literature	3	ENGL 251
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	3	ENGL 230

Mathematics and Sciences

College Mathematics	3	Core Curriculum Math
Pre-Calculus	3	MATH 125
College Algebra	3	Core Curriculum Math
Calculus	4	Core Curriculum Math
Biology	4	Core Curriculum Science
Chemistry ¹	4	Core Curriculum Science
Natural Sciences	6	Biology (3) and Physical Science (3)

Social Sciences and History

American Government	3	POSC 225
History of U.S. I: Early Col. to 1877	3	HIST 200
History of U.S. II: 1865 to the Present	3	HIST 201
Western Civ I: Ancient Near East to 1648	3	HIST 100
Western Civ II: 1648 to the Present	3	HIST 101

¹ Nursing majors may not use the General Chemistry exam to meet the organic/biochemistry requirement.

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)/Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) (p. 3)

Biola University follows the guidelines developed by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) to award credit or advanced standing for documented and experiential learning. CPL/PLA is designed to assist adult learners in attaining academic and career goals by validating college-level experiential learning through demonstrating mastery of course-level learning outcomes.

- PLA methods at Biola consist of challenge exams and portfolio.
- Select courses may be fulfilled by CPL/PLA. Visit the PLA website (<https://www.biola.edu/educational-effectiveness/assessment/prior-learning-assessment/>) and contact the Office of Educational Effectiveness for details.
- Undergraduate Degrees - A maximum of 25% of an undergraduate degree may be fulfilled through all forms of PLA (excluding external standardized examinations such as AP, CLEP, IB, STAMP 4S, etc.). The process for PLA credit must be completed prior to the beginning of the student's last semester required for degree completion.

- Graduate Degrees - Graduate degrees require a minimum of 24 credits to be taken at Biola University in the degree program. Credit for prior learning may be awarded above and beyond the minimum 24 credits.

In order to be eligible for credit through PLA, students must:

1. Be fully admitted into a Biola degree program.
2. Have discussed PLA options with an academic advisor, success coach, and/or department chair.
3. Apply and be approved to participate in PLA.
4. For PLA portfolios, students must successfully complete the Biola LEARN course Designing Your Experiential Learning Portfolio.
5. Enroll in the appropriate challenge exam or portfolio course and pay the assessment fee.

PLA Portfolio Appeals Process

Students who have been denied credit or waiver of course requirement based on their original portfolio submission may appeal within 30 days of the decision. To appeal a student must complete the following steps:

1. Students must complete the PLA Appeals Form.
2. Upon approval of the PLA Appeals Form, students must submit their PLA portfolio with clarification in the learning narrative and/or additional supplemental documentation.
3. Students are required to pay a fee for resubmission of the PLA portfolio.

International Baccalaureate Program (IB) (p. 3)

Biola University will grant credit for IB exams taken in high school. We accept only the higher level exams when the grade is 5 or better. A maximum of 32 credits can be awarded for all forms of advanced credit (AP, CLEP, IB, ACTFL, STAMP 4S, etc.).

IB Subject Group (Higher Level only)	Number of Credits	Biola Credit
Group 1 (First Language)		
English A: Lang and Lit HL	3	ENGL 112
Group 2 (Second Language)		
Chinese B HL, English B HL, French B HL, German B HL, Indonesian B HL, Spanish B HL	8	Language 100, 200
Group 3 (Individuals and Societies)		
History: Americas HL	3	Elective
History: Europe HL	3	Elective
Islamic History HL	3	Elective
Geography HL	3	Elective
Philosophy HL	3	Core Curriculum Philosophy
Psychology HL	3	PSYC 200

Social and Cultural Anthropology HL	3	ANTH 200
Business Management HL	3	Elective
Economics HL	6	BUSN 201, BUSN 202

Group 4 (Sciences)

Biology HL	4	Core Curriculum Biology
Chemistry HL	4	Science electives
Physics HL	4	Science electives
Computer Science HL	2	Elective

Group 5**(Mathematics)**

Analysis & Approaches HL	3	Core Curriculum Math or MATH 140
Applications & Interpretation HL	3	Core Curriculum Math

Group 6 (The Arts)

Music HL	3	Core Curriculum Fine Arts
Theatre Arts HL	3	Core Curriculum Fine Arts
Visual Arts HL	3	Core Curriculum Fine Arts
Dance HL	3	Elective
Film HL	3	Elective

STAMP 4S (Standards-Based Measurement of Proficiency) (p. 4)

Avant STAMP 4S is a general language proficiency assessment of reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills. Biola University will grant credit for the following STAMP 4S exam. A maximum of 32 credits can be awarded for all forms of advanced credit (AP, CLEP, IB, ACTFL, STAMP 4S, etc.).

STAMP 4S Exam	Number of Credits	Biola Credit
Spanish		
Composite score of 4 or higher	4	SPAN 100