AP, IB, Dual Enrollment

Wofford policies regarding the acceptance of degree credits earned prior to a student graduating from high school are aimed at rewarding academic achievement while sustaining the belief that the most fulfilling Wofford experience is one that encompasses all four years. Wofford values the academic preparation a student undertakes while in high school whether that is through traditional high school courses, advanced placement, or dual enrollment, but considers that work foundational. Consequently, new first-year students are limited in the number of credit hours they can be awarded prior to matriculation. These limits are as follows:

1. A maximum of 24 credit hours earned prior to enrollment may be awarded to first-year students from all sources, including but not limited to Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual enrollment, CLEP, and all other college credit.

2. Students who legitimately exceed the 24 credit hour limit may choose which credits will apply. Students may adjust their credits at any time by contacting the Registrar’s Office. Once a course is taken at Wofford and a grade has been assigned, the AP credit for the course cannot be applied.

3. Immaterial of the credit granted, individual programs have the prerogative to determine equivalencies, waive lower-level requirements, and place students in appropriate courses.

Dual/Joint Enrollment

Dual, joint, or concurrent enrollment courses are those that a student completed while in high school, but the courses were taken at an institution of higher education. Wofford College will accept approved courses earned through dual/joint/concurrent enrollment programs. These courses are treated like any other transfer work and must conform with the following stipulations:

1. The grade earned must be equivalent to a ‘C’ (2.00) or higher
2. The coursework must be similar to courses/programs offered at Wofford – within the liberal arts curriculum.
3. The coursework must be completed at an institution of higher education recognized by one of the six regional accrediting associations.
4. Students must submit an official transcript from the higher education institution where the courses were completed. Transcripts can be sent electronically to registrar@wofford.edu. Credits will NOT be awarded from the high school transcript.
5. Only credit hours are awarded. Grades earned in courses taken elsewhere will not count in the student’s GPA.
6. The final decision in granting transfer credit resides with Wofford College’s Office of the Registrar.
7. Students may want to consult the Transfer Equivalency website (http://connect.wofford.edu/mywofford/registrar/transferArticulation.aspx) to view how their courses may apply to their Wofford degree.

Advanced Placement (AP)

A score of 4 or higher must be made on each test for the work to be awarded credit at Wofford. The one scoring exception is the Calculus BC test on which a score of 3 or higher must be earned. Students must request official scores from the College Board be sent directly to Wofford College in order to be evaluated for credit. Other policy variances include the provisions that no credit is awarded for the International English Language Exam; students completing the Physics C examinations must make acceptable scores on BOTH tests to receive exemption and/or credit; and that for prospective chemistry majors a validation test is required in order to receive credit for both Chemistry 123 and 124. A complete listing of AP scores (http://www.wofford.edu/registrar/apChart.aspx) and the equivalent credits awarded can be found on the Registrar’s Office website.

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Wofford offers credit for higher level IB examinations with a score of 5 or higher. No credit is awarded for standard level courses. An IB Transcript of Results must be requested by the student and sent directly to Wofford College from the International Baccalaureate Organization. A complete listing of IB scores (http://www.wofford.edu/registrar/IBchart/) and the equivalent credits awarded can be found on the Registrar’s Office website.

College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

While Wofford does not award credit on the basis of General Examinations, credit may be awarded for the Subject examinations. However, in order to be awarded credit the exams must be completed and the scores reported to the Office of the Registrar prior to enrollment. Students must request a CLEP transcript from the College Board be sent to Wofford for evaluation and awarding of credit. CLEP Information and FAQs (http://www.wofford.edu/registrar/CLEP/) can be found on the Registrar’s Office website.

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

Wofford awards six to eight hours credit per class for A levels with a grade of A or B as long as the CIE subject is within the Wofford curriculum.

Military Experience

Students who are or were eligible members of the United States Armed Forces may earn college credit for college-level training and education acquired while serving in the military. Students with military training or coursework that is recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE) may be granted college credit subject to institutional transfer practices on equivalencies, limitations, levels, etc. Military training and coursework will be accorded the same treatment as any other transfer credit with the addition of the ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Education Experiences in the Armed Services for determining equivalency and alignment of military coursework with Wofford College courses. If the coursework fulfills a general education, major, or other degree requirement, the credit will be granted for meeting that requirement. Appropriate course credit may include free elective course credits which come with hours toward graduation, but do not fulfill a specific requirement. The ACE website, College Credit for Military Service (http://www.acenet.edu/higher-education/topics/Pages/College-Credit-for-Military-Service.aspx), outlines their policies, recommendations, and guidelines. Former enlisted personnel who have served at least six months on active service in the armed forces may be granted three hours elective credit for that experience. If they have served for two or more years, they may receive six hours elective credit.