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**References: Education Code Section 79500, 78212;
Title 5 Sections 55021, 55025, 55050, 55051, 55052, and 55052.5**

Credit for Prior Learning may be obtained, through petition, with the approval and assessment by appropriate discipline faculty, and utilizing one of the following methods:

- Achievement of a score of 3 or higher on an Advanced Placement Examination administered by the College Entrance Examination Board.
- Achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by College Level Examination Program examination.
- Achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by International Baccalaureate examination.
- Credit by satisfactory completion of an examination produced and administered by appropriate discipline faculty in lieu of completion of a course listed in the college catalog.
- Achievement of an examination administered by other agencies and approved by the appropriate discipline faculty.
- Other assessments approved and assessed by appropriate discipline faculty of the college, which include evaluation of Joint Services Transcripts, evaluation of student-created portfolios, evaluation of industry-recognized documentation (i.e. an industry recognized credential), and standardized exams.

Determination of Eligibility to Receive Credit by Prior Learning:

- The student must be currently registered in the college and in good standing.
- The course is listed in the college catalog.
- Credits acquired by examination are not applicable to meeting of such unit load requirements as Selective Service deferment, Veteran's or Social Security benefits.
- The student may not have previously enrolled in the course at San Joaquin Delta College, for which credit for prior learning is being sought.

Credit may be awarded for prior experience or prior learning, by means of a petition for Credit for Prior Learning, only for individually identified courses with subject matter similar to that of the individual's prior learning, and only for a course listed in the catalog of San Joaquin Delta College.

Award of credit may be made to electives for students who do not require additional general education or program credits to meet their goals.

The student will indicate on the petition the method to be used to determine Credit for Prior Learning and the type of grade being sought (P/NP, A->F). Grading shall be according to the regular Grading system approved by the governing board pursuant to section 55023, except the students

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shall be offered a “pass-no pass” option if that option is ordinarily available for the course.

Units for which credit is given pursuant to the provisions of this procedure shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for an associate degree.

The nature and content of the assessment shall be determined solely by faculty in the discipline who normally teach the course for which credit is to be granted.-(Title 5 § 55050, c) in accordance with policies and procedures approved by the curriculum committee established pursuant to Administrative Procedure 4020.

The student’s academic record will clearly indicate that the credit was earned by assessment by credit for prior learning.

Credits acquired by Credit for Prior Learning shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for an Associate degree.

Pursuant to Education Code Section 78212, any student upon completion of their education plan who is a veteran or an active-duty member of the armed forces, holds industry-recognized credentials, or requests credit for a course based on their prior learning shall be referred to the college’s appropriate discipline faculty for assessment of possible credit for prior learning.

Students interested in Credit for Prior Learning using Joint Service Transcripts must provide these transcripts to the Office of Admission and Records prior to the submission of their Credit for Prior Learning Petition. These transcripts may include Joint Services Transcripts (JST), Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART), Army and American Council on Education Registry Transcript Service (AARTS), Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), Coast Guard Institute (CGI), DANTES/USAFI, Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Transcripts (DLIFLC), Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC), DLPT Examinee Results, DA Form 330 Language Proficiency Questionnaire, or verified copies of DD214 or DD295 military records. Credit shall be determined as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE) Directory and approved by the appropriate discipline faculty of San Joaquin Delta College. (It should be noted that San Joaquin Delta College grants experience credit of three elective units for submission of any DD214, 295, or other military transcript. Additionally, active-duty military personnel and U.S. military veterans may satisfy the Self-Development general education (GE) requirement from San Joaquin Delta College’s GE pattern (Plan A) or the California State University GE-Breath pattern (Plan B) through submission of a military transcript.)

In all cases the student may choose to accept or decline the award of credit by prior learning or to appeal, by petition, decisions related to the award of credit, pursuant to Title 5 Sections 55021 and 55025.

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Credit for Prior Learning Fees: A fee of no more than the current per unit enrollment fee will be paid by the student prior to the Credit for Prior Learning being added to the student's academic record.

Professor Participation in Credit for Prior Learning: The appropriate discipline faculty participate in the assessment of credit for prior learning by choice.

Professor Compensation: The appropriate discipline faculty will be paid according to the negotiated amount as defined in the (SJDCTA) San Joaquin Delta College Teachers Association Collective Bargaining Agreement.