

Incoming Freshmen Course Credit Resources

Registrar's Office Information (<https://www.olivet.edu/academics/registrar>)

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Approved General Education course list

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AP Course Credit

CLEP Credit (Check scores as Olivet's minimum score may differ from CLEP recommendation)

Additional FAQs

- 1. I have a background in a foreign language; what does my background language experience fulfill at Olivet?**

ANSWER:

- A. A student completing four years of a high school language will fulfill the general education requirement for Intercultural Understanding. The requirement is waived, and no credit is given since college credit is not earned.
- B. A student who has earned the Seal of Biliteracy by high school graduation will be granted credit for Elementary Language I and II (eight credits) to fulfill the general education requirement for Intercultural Understanding.

- 2. How do we know what a dual credit course offered by the local high school is equivalent to at Olivet?**

ANSWER: Work with your Admissions Counselor to clarify any planned dual credit course options. Olivet has a list of standard equivalencies, and the Registrar's Office will be consulted to make the final decision on any course equivalencies.

For several of the local, Chicago-area community colleges, you will find equivalencies on the [Transfer Equivalency](#) page.

3. Is AP credit or dual credit wasted if it does not equate to an Olivet course?

ANSWER: No academic credit is ever wasted; we believe that all credits help us have a greater understanding of the world around us. In some cases, however, credit may not fulfill a specific graduation requirement and may be applied as elective credit. These credits are still factored into the minimum 120 total credits required for graduation.

4. I was part of an International Baccalaureate (IB) program; how does Olivet accept those credits?

ANSWER: Olivet awards IB credit with a score of 5 or higher on the HL (higher level) exam. The university does not grant credit for SL (standard level) exams.

5. Are all credits courses accepted in transfer?

ANSWER: In some cases, there are vocational or trade-specific credits that may be non-transferrable because Olivet does not offer programs in these areas. If a specific course or program is in question, please work with your Admissions Counselor and provide a course syllabus for the transfer course, and they will work with the appropriate campus offices to provide an answer.

6. Will my dual credit science course fulfill the general education requirement if it is a lecture course only and does not have a lab component?

ANSWER: The general education requirement for Scientific Literacy requires both a course in physical science and biological science, but only one of the courses requires a lab. So, one requirement may be fulfilled with a lecture-only course.

7. As a first-time incoming freshman, I am entering Olivet with several AP credits and dual credit courses. Will I graduate in less than four years?

ANSWER: Every student is unique, and depending on your chosen major, you may graduate in less than four years, or these courses may allow you to take fewer credits in a semester as you pursue your chosen degree.

To be eligible for graduation, a student must fulfill all of the minimum requirements as outlined in the University Catalog:

- A minimum of 120 total credit hours
- A minimum of 30 credit hours at the 300/400 level
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0
- A minimum major GPA of 2.0
- Meet the university's residency requirement (credit hours completed at Olivet)
 - Complete either the last year (30 semester hours)
 - or

- Complete 15 of the last 30 semesters at Olivet with no less than 45 semester hours of credit from Olivet
- At least one-half of the major and/or sufficient hours to complete a major satisfactory to the chair of the major department and the Registrar.

8. Is there an option to begin courses toward a Master's Degree if I complete an undergraduate degree in less than 4 years?

ANSWER: Once you complete your undergraduate degree and are awarded your diploma, you may begin a Master's program. Currently, the School of Business and School of Theology and Christian Ministry have 500-level courses that allow an undergraduate student, in their final year, the option to complete credit toward a Master's degree as you complete your undergraduate program. There is an additional course fee for 500-level courses.

9. I will complete an Associate's Degree as part of a dual enrollment agreement at the same time I graduate from high school. How will this impact my enrollment at Olivet?

ANSWER: Because you completed the Associate's Degree at the same time as your high school graduation, with credits used for both your high school diploma and the dual enrollment college credit, at the time of enrollment, Olivet considers you a first-time freshman and not a transfer student. While we recognize that you have taken college-level credit, admitting you as a freshman ensures that you are connected with first-year resources, including the First-Year Seminar and other class resources. This does not impact your time to graduation; academically, you will be classified by credits completed for advising and registration. See the question and answer above for a response to credit equivalencies and graduation requirements.