



PRINCIPLES & POLICIES

Regarding Transfer Credit and Credit for Prior Learning

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The Alverno Accelerate program values the learning represented by previous college coursework as well as prior learning based on life and/or work experience and is dedicated to promoting all students' progress toward their bachelor's degree. These principles are reflected in the following policies:

Transfer Credit

Up to 90 college course credits (with course grades of C- or better) from regionally accredited institutions are applied directly to Alverno Accelerate degree requirements. Credit is also awarded for high school Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses and tests using Alverno's established criteria. The appropriate amount of credit is applied to the 120 credit requirement for a Bachelor of Arts in Leadership degree. The Alverno Accelerate program does not match a transfer course to a specific Experiential Learning Module (ELM), rather courses are applied to the overall credit requirement of 120 in accordance with the learning outcomes for the program and level (beginner, intermediate, and advanced).

Per Alverno College policy, transfer students in undergraduate degree programs must earn at least 30 credits as an Alverno student. Students admitted to Alverno Accelerate from other Alverno College programs may be eligible for more than 90 credits in transfer.

Consistent with the Accelerate program's aim to recognize students' prior learning to the greatest extent possible, college credits earned from regionally accredited institutions will be applied to Accelerate degree requirements regardless of the type of course or area of study. For example, college credit-bearing courses that may have been labeled "pre-college" or given a course number below 100 will be accepted. Alverno College cannot transfer courses for which no credit was earned, therefore any learning that was not awarded credit would need to go through a Credit for Prior Learning Process. College credits earned for credit-bearing courses in vocational areas (e.g., office or plumbing skills) will also be accepted.

Credit for Prior Learning

Per Alverno College policy, Alverno Accelerate students may be eligible for up to 24 Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) credits based on substantial life and/or work experience demonstrating college-level learning that relates to the learning outcomes for the program. Examples of such experience might include - but not be limited to - managing a workplace team, completing non-credit courses or certifications, operating a yoga studio, or serving as volunteer coordinator for an organization. Students interested in CPL can learn more from [Alverno's Assessment and Outreach Center](#), assessmentcenter@alverno.edu or from the Accelerate program contact.

Consistent with Accelerate's aim to recognize students' prior learning to the greatest extent possible, credits awarded through Alverno's Credit for Prior Learning process will be counted as part of the 30 resident credits required for an Alverno Accelerate degree. ELMs are typically four credits each and are designed to be completed in eight weeks.

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