

## **NON-TRADITIONAL CREDIT**

Non-traditional credit includes credit by **Challenge Examination, CLEP, AP, Dantes,** and

**IB.** Policies related to non-traditional credit include:

1. *The maximum number of non-traditional hours that may be applied toward a degree is thirty-six (36) for the bachelor's degree and eighteen (18) for the associate degree.*
2. *Evaluation of challenge examinations and experiential learning is limited to students enrolled at Brescia.*
3. *Evaluation is the responsibility of the faculty in the related discipline.*
4. *A form available in the Office of the Academic Dean, which indicates the credit sought, must be filed by the student.*
5. *The credit hours awarded count toward graduation but will not be used in the computation of grade point average.*
6. *A fee is charged for Challenge Examinations only.*

Students should see their academic advisor for further details.

**Challenge Examination:** A challenge examination may be requested from an instructor to test out of a particular course. If the instructor agrees, the student completes the form requesting the exam and obtains necessary signatures for approval. The student must be in good standing, financially and academically, in order to request a challenge exam.

The student must pay a non-refundable fee of \$100 to the Business Office PRIOR to taking the exam. Upon successful completion of the exam, the student must pay the balance of the challenge exam fee (1/3 of undergraduate credit-hour rate). No credit will be given for successful completion until the full amount is paid. (See *Basic Expenses per Semester* for Challenge Exam Fee amount.)

**College Level Examination (CLEP):** The CLEP exams may be taken at any national testing center. A CLEP Bulletin of Information and Registration may be obtained by e-mail at [clep@info.collegeboard.com](mailto:clep@info.collegeboard.com). Scores should be sent to the Registrar at Brescia.

Policies related to CLEP include:

1. *Each academic discipline has discretion over the maximum number of credits that may be earned in the major field. Students should consult their faculty advisor before taking a subject examination.*
2. *The student must take the General Battery Examination prior to earning 15 credit hours.*
3. *The subject examinations may be taken any time prior to graduation.*
4. *A CLEP exam will not to satisfy the writing General Education Requirement.*
5. *A student who has completed a course may not receive CLEP credit for an examination with similar content, nor may a student take a CLEP examination for credit after having taken a college course at a higher level in the same discipline.*

**Advanced Placement (AP) Credit:** Brescia University generally awards credit for AP scores of 3, 4, or 5. Prospective and ongoing students should contact the Academic Dean or the academic advisor for information about specific AP credit. Students who receive Advanced Placement Credit in English may fulfill their 6 hour writing requirement by taking either Eng 101 and Eng 102 OR Eng 102 and one of the following: Eng 292, Eng 300, or Eng 301.

**Dantes Credit:** Students should contact Registrar for information about DANTES credit.

**International Baccalaureate (IB):** Brescia University recognizes the International Baccalaureate (IB) program completed in high school. The student is awarded credit by earning a 4, 5, 6, or 7 in a specific subject.

To receive credit, the student must request an official IB transcript to be sent to the Academic Dean at Brescia University.