**CLARK CREDIT SYSTEM**

The academic year at Clark is divided into two 14-week semesters. Students typically enroll in four courses each semester, for a total of eight courses per year. Thirty-two courses (or their equivalent) are required for graduation.

Academic credit at Clark is calculated in “units.” Most Clark courses are valued at one unit of credit, which is equivalent to four semester credit hours. Consequently, a Clark student normally completes the equivalent of 16 semester hours (four units) of credit each semester, twice that amount each year. A maximum total of 64 credit hours (or 16 Clark units) may be accepted in a transfer and a maximum of 50 percent of the departmental major requirements may be accepted in transfer as well.

Credit conversion is calculated by the following method:

- A four-credit-hour course is equivalent to one unit, so a three-credit-hour course would convert to .75 unit.

**CLASS STANDING**

Class standing is determined by the number of completed units after transfer credit is awarded.

- 0 – 7.99 units = first-year standing
- 8 – 15.99 units = sophomore standing
- 16 – 23.99 units = junior standing
- 24 and above = senior standing

**PROGRAM OF LIBERAL STUDIES AUDIT**

If your courses have been evaluated for the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) requirements, you will note that information in the column headed “PLS Waiver.” The PLS is a series of eight courses (in two categories) that must be completed to satisfy graduation requirements.

In addition to the PLS, students graduating with the Class of 2021 or beyond must complete a course examining topics of Diversity & Inclusion (D&I).

If you believe you have completed PLS or D&I requirements not noted on the evaluation sheet, please plan to bring the relevant course descriptions and/or copies of syllabi with you to Clark. The nature of these courses is very specific. Requests for re-evaluation will be considered by the Academic Advising Office after the first week of classes.

**NOTES KEY**

When reviewing your credit evaluation, you may find that some coursework listed in the “Credit Status” column shows as “Undetermined,” followed by a letter. This indicates additional information is needed, and you may match the letter with the following key:

- A. Course description or syllabus is required to determine whether official course credits can be earned.
- B. Course description or syllabus is needed for course to be considered as meeting Program of Liberal Studies requirement.
- C. No credit will be granted until verification that non-graded course is equivalent to “C” or higher.
- D. Credit will be awarded upon receipt of official transcript and demonstration of successful completion of the course.
- E. Credit will be awarded for 1st level language course upon demonstration of successful completion of 2nd level language course.
- F. In order to receive advanced standing credit, official test scores from the College Board must be submitted and scores of four or five must be earned.
- G. Credit will not be awarded for this course because student’s high school foreign language study places the student at the intermediate level.
- H. Transferability of course will be determined upon review of high school foreign language study.

**Critical Thinking**

- Formal Analysis (FA)
- Verbal Expression (VE)

**Perspectives**

- Aesthetic (AP)
- Global Comparative (GP)
- Historical (HP)
- Language and Culture (LP)
- Natural Scientific (SP)
- Values (VP)

**QUESTIONS?**

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