

2025-2026

University Catalog Addendum

Alternative University Credit Policy

This addendum reflects changes to the Alternative University Credit Policy section of the catalog. All inquiries concerning this addendum should be directed to the Registrar's Office.

Graduate & Professional Studies Graduate General Cost Information Tuition

Masters Tuition (per credit)	\$550
Doctoral Tuition (per credit)	\$799
Military Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves Tuition (per credit)	\$250

Fees

\$520
\$150
\$50
\$100
\$25
\$65
\$50
\$25
\$88
\$65
\$10

^{*}Students have the first 7 calendar days of the term to complete the opt out form for the student health fee or the charge will remain on the student's account.

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Alternative University Credit

Students may earn credits using alternative credits. These include life learning paper, prior learning assessment, credit by examination, military training, and non-accredited schools. In order to be transcribed, alternative credits must count towards the degree plan.

- The final 30 hours earned at OKWU may include 6 credits for an associate degree or 12 credits for a Bachelor's degree earned through Categories A and B.
- There is a fee associated with the transcription of Alternative Credit.
- All credit within category B require pre-approval using the Transfer Credit Approval form. Not all testing organizations, institutions, or credits have transfer approval.

Alternative Credit Categories

Category A: Life Learning Paper and Prior Learning Assessment

- Maximum of 15 credits for an associate degree
- Maximum of 30 credits for a bachelor's degree
- Up to 6 credits for a graduate degree

Limitations per program apply

Category B: Credit by examination, including AP, StraighterLine, CLEP, DANTES, and IB

- Maximum of 9 credits for an associate degree
- Maximum of 18 credits for a bachelor's degree
- All courses in Category B must receive pre-approval by the Dean and Provost's Office

Category C: Military training

Maximum of 40 credits for an associate or bachelor's degree

Category D: Non-Accredited Schools

- Maximum credits of 30 credits for an associate degree
- Maximum of 63 credits for a bachelor's degree

Life Learning Papers and Prior Learning Assessment

Requests for Life Learning Paper (LLP) and/or Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credit must be submitted to the student's Academic Advisor on the appropriate forms. Only current licensure, certificates, etc. will be considered for credit. The awarding of credit is limited to those academic and technical areas/subjects currently being taught by OKWU at the time of the application submission. Requests for academic credit for subjects outside these areas will not be approved. An assessment fee is charged for each credit hour evaluated, awarded and placed on the student's transcript. Alternative credits are entered as neutral credits and have no impact on the GPA of the student.

Students seeking credit for either LLP or PLA must follow the timetable below in order to allow ample opportunity to evaluate these applications for credit. Applications submitted after deadlines will be evaluated, but final approval cannot be guaranteed before the expected graduation date.

Application deadline:

Spring Graduates: October 8 Summer Graduates: December 1

Fall Graduates: March 1

Credit by examination (AP, CLEP, DANTES, IB, StraighterLine)

Advanced course standing and University credit may be granted to fulfill a graduation requirement for students who pass the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement Tests, CLEP Subject Exams, DANTES, International Baccalaureate exams or StraighterLine course. For credit by examination scores to be included on an OKWU transcript, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours at OKWU with a minimum GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing. Standardized examination credits are entered as neutral credits and have no impact on the GPA of the student.

Inquiries concerning these tests should be directed to a high school guidance office or one of the following websites: AP, CollegeBoard, DANTES, International Baccalaureate, or Straighterline. Students may also

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Students seeking credit using Standardized Examinations (AP, CLEP, DANTES, IB or StraighterLine) must follow the timetable below to allow ample opportunity to evaluate these applications for credit. Applications submitted after deadlines will be evaluated, but final approval cannot be guaranteed before the expected graduation date.

Military Training

Military training recorded on a DD214 or Military transcript will be granted for elective credits. Inquiry concerning these records should be directed to milConnect for a military transcript.

Non-accredited Schools

Non-accredited school with an articulation agreement: Credits will be transcribed according to the articulation agreement's transfer credit policy.

- Non-accredited schools with CHEA approval: Courses will be vetted by the Dean for appropriate
 academic standards and transfer credits will be applied according to the Dean's recommendation.
- International transcripts: Transcript must be evaluated by an approved organization, i.e., World Education Services (WES), American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), International Credentials Evaluations (InCred) or National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) and an official copy of the international transcript needs to be submitted to the Admissions Office. After evaluation, courses will be vetted by the Dean for appropriate academic standards and transfer credits will be applied according to the Dean's recommendation.

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