

Credit for Prior Learning Options

Students may be awarded academic credit for Prior Learning experiences through various options at the University of Northern Colorado. Students must complete the attached form providing details on course credit assignment for the respective Prior Learning experience. Once completed, the appropriate authorized academic unit must sign and approved prior to submission to the Office of the Registrar. Upon receipt in the Office of the Registrar, the appropriate credit will be applied to the student's academic record.

Per the Colorado Department of Higher Education House Bill 17-1004: "Beginning June 1, 2018, accept in transfer from either the institution and from other state institutions of higher education prior learning assessment credit awarded for courses with guaranteed-transfer designation, unless the Colorado Commission on Higher Education adopts a new policy prior to June 1, 2018 . . ." [23-5-142(2)(c), C.R.S.].

Challenge Exams Students who judge their current academic ability in a specific course to be sufficiently high may take rigorous subject matter examinations to earn credit. Students interested in challenging a UNC course should contact the appropriate school or program to determine the availability of a challenge examination. Challenge Exam credit is counted as UNC residency work.

Retroactive Credit in Modern Languages and Hispanic Studies Courses

The Modern Languages Program and the Department of Hispanic Studies do not offer proficiency examinations to establish advanced placement or retroactive credits in language classes. Instead, a student may receive retroactive credits, provided a grade of "B" (3.0) or higher is earned in the student's first UNC course above the 101 level in a particular language (Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish).

Students must petition the Office of the Registrar after receiving a 'B' or higher grade in order to be awarded the retroactive credits. Petition forms are available in the Modern Languages and Hispanic Studies Program offices. Retroactive modern language credit is counted as in-residence work.

Retroactive credit may be earned in one or more languages, as follows:

- Elementary Language II (102) courses earn 5 retroactive credits plus 5 course credits for a total of 10 credits.
- Intermediate Language I (201) courses earn 10 retroactive credits plus 3 (CHIN, JAPN, SPAN) or 4 (FR, GER) course credits for a total of 13 or 14 credits.
- Intermediate Language II (202) courses earn 13 or 14 retroactive credits plus 3 (CHIN, JAPN, SPAN) or 4 (FR, GER) course credits for a total of 16 or 18 credits.

Any advanced language course (300 and above) earns 16 (CHIN, JAPN, SPAN) or 18 (FR, GER) retroactive credits plus 3 course credits for a total of 19 or 21 credits. See table below for specific course information.

Earn B or above in this course:	Receive retroactive credit for:	For total retroactive credits:
Chinese		
The following upper-division courses: CHIN 301 (3), CHIN 302 (3), CHIN 407 (3), CHIN 450 (3).	CHIN 101 (5) & CHIN 102 (5) & CHIN 201 (3) & CHIN 202 (3)	16
French		
The following upper-division courses: FR 301 (3), FR 302 (3), FR 311 (3), FR 312 (3)	FR 101 (5) & FR 102 (5) & FR 201 (3) & FR 202 (3)	16
German		
The following upper-division courses: GER 301 (3), GER 302 (3), GER 311 (3), GER 312 (3)	GER 101 (5) & GER 102 (5) & GER 201 (3) & GER 202 (3)	16
Japanese		
The following upper-division courses: JAPN 301 (3), JAPN 302 (3), JAPN 407 (3), JAPN 450 (3).	JAPN 101 (5) & JAPN 102 (5) & JAPN 201 (3) & JAPN 202 (3)	16
Spanish		
The following upper-division courses: SPAN 301 (3), SPAN 302 (3); or SPAN 310 (5)/ SPAN 311 (1), & SPAN 312 (3)	SPAN 101 (5)& SPAN 102 (5) & SPAN 201 (3) & SPAN 202 (3)	16

Retroactive Credit in American Sign Language and Interpreting Studies Courses

A student wanting advancement placement in American Sign Language courses above ASL101 must meet with a faculty member in the American Sign Language and Interpreting Studies (ASLIS) department for a placement screening. A student may receive retroactive credits, provided a grade of “B” (3.0) or higher is earned in the student’s first UNC course taken above ASL 101.

After receiving a “B” or higher grade students must petition the Office of the Registrar in order to be awarded the retroactive credits. Petition forms are available in the ASLIS office.

Retroactive credit may be earned in American Sign Language courses as follows:

- The ASL102 (ASL II) courses earn 3 retroactive credits plus 3 course credits for a total of 6 credits.
- The ASL201 (ASL III) courses earn 6 retroactive credits plus 3 course credits for a total of 9 credits
- The ASL202 (ASL IV) courses earn 9 retroactive credits plus 3 course credits for a total of 12 credits
- The INTR 101 (ASL V) courses earn 12 retroactive credits plus 3 course credits for a total of 15 credits
- The INTR 102 (ASL VI) courses earn 15 retroactive credits plus 3 course credits for a total of 18 credits



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Office of the Registrar

Prior Learning Credit Submission Form

Submit the completed form to the Office of the Registrar

Bear Number: _____ Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Email: _____@bears.unco.edu Phone: _____

Student Signature: _____

Notes: _____

Challenge Exam:

UNC Course (Prefix/Number)	UNC Course Title	Credit	Term/Year	Date of Exam

Proficiency Exam:

UNC Course (Prefix/Number)	UNC Course Title	Credit	Term/Year	Date of Exam

Retroactive Credit in: _____

UNC Course Completed (Prefix/Number)	UNC Course Title	Credit	Term/Year	Grade Earned
UNC Course Requesting for Credit (Prefix/Number)	UNC Course Title	Credit		

Academic Reviewer/Approver: _____ Date: _____

Office of the Registrar: _____ Date: _____