



Students have used the Credit for Prior Learning process to earn credit for a wide range of classes, including:

- Integrated Science-Business Senior Project
- Constitutional Law
- Education Field Work 1
- White-Collar Crime
- Marketing Internship
- Coaching Field Study
- Introduction to Education and Teaching
- Judicial Administration (Independent Study)

BENEFITS

Save Time

Most students find that the Credit for Prior Learning process saves time and energy.

Save Money

You have the potential to earn credits at a steep discount.

Validate Your Experience

Many students appreciate the prior learning assessment process simply because it represents a validation of their work and life experience.



CREDIT FOR
PRIOR LEARNING

How to receive credit from
past learning experiences

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDENTS



Adult students at UW-Whitewater have the opportunity to request credit for classes currently available through the catalog. The process is simple. Interested students contact the Coordinator of the Credit for Prior Learning Program, Lauren Smith (smithlb@uww.edu) or the Adult Student Services Coordinator, Lynn Smith (smithlm11@uww.edu) to request a short application.

During the application process, you will work with the program coordinator to determine your eligibility for the program and the courses for which an application is most likely to be successful. This will involve matching classes in the UW-Whitewater catalog with your work and life experience.

Once you are accepted to the program, you will enroll in an online course. You will enroll

in 1.5 to 4.5 credits, 1.5 credits for each course request.

In your online Credit for Prior Learning class, you will put together one portfolio for each class request. The portfolio will be a collection of artifacts and reflections that demonstrate the learning you have already done. It will also relate to the learning objectives of the course for which you are requesting credit.

If you complete the portfolio, you will automatically earn credit for the online portfolio class. Your portfolio will also be submitted to an expert in the appropriate field. This evaluator will read the portfolio and determine whether or not sufficient learning has been demonstrated for credit to be earned.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What sorts of experience make me eligible for the Credit for Prior Learning Program?

Most successful course requests are made on the basis of work and military experience. Volunteer experience or even learning done while enjoying a hobby can also lead to successful credit requests.

Do I have to pay for the credits I earn?

No. You only pay for the portfolio class, but not for the credits earned through a successful request. For example, if you are requesting credit for one 3 credit class, you have the chance to earn a total of 4 credits for the price of 1 credit, plus fees.

Would I be earning credit for life experience?

No. You are requesting credit for learning you did previously in your life. The purpose of the online portfolio course is to give you a chance to document and demonstrate that learning.