

Academic Affairs
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Policy Name

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Purpose and Scope

This policy recognizes that students may acquire knowledge equivalent to that obtained through completion of courses through their professional experience or other methods of instruction. Prior knowledge may be demonstrated in three ways: standardized examinations by nationally recognized external testing organizations; examinations administered internally by Alvernia University departments; and portfolio assessment.

Prior learning assessment is a student-centered and faculty-driven process for awarding students college credit for demonstrated knowledge. Alvernia University's Prior Learning Assessment program will be administered through the Alvernia University Division of Academic Affairs.

Title or Role	Definition and What They Are Responsible For
Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost	Maintains and enforces this policy. Receives exceptions to the policy.
Senior Leadership Team	Serves as final approval for policy and assists with reviewing exceptions to the policy.



Residency: Credits for demonstrated knowledge earned through any prior learning method do not fulfill Alvernia University residency requirements or Bachelor's Degree Requirements for Transfer Students.

Grading: Credit awarded by prior learning assessment at Alvernia University shall receive a neutral grade such as "P" for Pass or "





