The University of Kentucky offers Special Academic Programs which will allow students to earn credit in a nontraditional way. High school students may take part in programs which offer college credit based on accelerated classroom coursework. Many high schools offer these programs as Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate opportunities. Students take accelerated courses during their high school careers, and then are tested on their knowledge of the coursework at the end of the semester. Depending upon the score received, the student may qualify for earned college credit at the University of Kentucky. Only course credit will be awarded and there is no effect on a student’s GPA.

The credit (type of class and number of hours) a student may earn upon admission to the University of Kentucky will depend on scores received in the aforementioned tests.

Equivalency charts for AP and IB can be found in the current University of Kentucky Bulletin.

In addition to the above opportunities for a student to earn college credit without attending a “traditional” class, students may also take a CLEP exam or selected classes. CLEP exams test common knowledge of specific courses taught at many universities. While the University of Kentucky accepts CLEP test scores, it does not administer the tests at this time. A Policy Guide for CLEP exams can be found in the University of Kentucky Bulletin.

Students may also earn college credit while in high school by participating in a higher education dual-credit program. A student who completes a dual credit course receives both high school and college-level credit for that course. Students may use the transfer equivalency website to determine how the work they complete will be counted at UK.

For more information, please visit http://www.uky.edu/Admission/earn-college-credit.