

TERM	CAMPUS	CAMPUS	CAMPUS
Summer 201260	Lisle Mondays 6/25-7/20	Online I Variable 6/25-7/23	Online II Variable 7/30-8/30
Fall 201190	Chicago Mondays 10/17-11/7	Online I Variable 9/12-10/7	Online II Variable 10/17-11/11
Winter 201210	Lisle Saturdays 2/25-3/17	Online I Variable 1/9-2/3	Online II Variable 2/20-3/16
Spring 201230	Chicago Saturdays 4/14-5/5	Online I Variable 4/2-4/27	Online II Variable 5/14-6/1

CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Certain programs at National-Louis University award credit to students who have achieved acceptable scores on the Advanced Placement (AP), the American College Testing Program (ACT-PEP), the College Board's College Level Examination Program (CLEP), and the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs). The university has adopted the American Council on Education's (ACE) recommendations for acceptable score requirements and credit awards. DANTES and CLEP exams may be taken at NLU and are scheduled on a regular basis. Fees are charged to cover the cost of tests and administration. View our website for printable materials at www.nl.edu/pla.

CREDIT BY PORTFOLIO

Credit by portfolio is possible at National-Louis University in some degree programs. Portfolios are prepared by students to demonstrate their prior or extracurricular learning.

Student learning outcomes are assessed and credit granted by content-area experts by faculty and guidelines for the evaluation of prior or extracurricular learning recommended by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and the American Council on Education (ACE).

Fees are charged to cover the cost of evaluations. A maximum of 60 QH of credit by portfolio may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree. (Florida students are limited to a maximum of 45 QH.)

CREDIT BY PROFICIENCY

Credit by proficiency is possible at National-Louis University for some NLU courses. Students may attempt to demonstrate the required competencies in a course and receive credit for that course. The evaluation is completed by a faculty member in that content area. A fee is charged to cover the cost of administration.



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Perspectives on Prior Learning

ACL 301: Perspectives on Prior Learning course is a means to recognize, document, and validate your learning from life and work experiences for possible college credit

Since 1978, thousands of NLU students have developed and subsequently earned college credit through a Portfolio of Prior Learning

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PERSPECTIVES ON PRIOR LEARNING - ACL 301

FAQs

Q: Are there any prerequisites for ACL 301?

A: Admission to the university and at least 45 QH of previous college coursework.

Q: Who is eligible to enroll?

A: Students enrolled who are admitted to the university, in good standing, with at least 45 QH of previous college coursework and approval of their advisor.

Q: What kinds of prior knowledge are appropriate for assessment?

- ◆ Professional development
- ◆ Community work
- ◆ Family life
- ◆ Military Service
- ◆ Personal growth

Q: How much credit can be earned by portfolio?

A: Up to 60 quarter hours of credit by portfolio may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Adult students come into our programs with vast personal and professional experiences. These experiences can lead to the acquisition of new knowledge, concepts and skills which may be equivalent to college course work.

Throughout the *Perspectives on Prior Learning* course, students are offered group and individual assistance in the development of a portfolio documenting their prior learning. A primary emphasis is placed on the skills needed to successfully complete learning experience essays.

Additional individualized writing assistance is available through NLU's Learning Commons (formerly the CAD).

Portfolios are subsequently submitted to the Prior Learning Assessment for credit assessment. Learning experience essays are reviewed by NLU faculty who determine equivalency to college-level learning. Any credits awarded are then posted on the transcripts.

The four-week *Perspectives* course is offered on a quarterly basis, at various site locations, for 2 QH of credit. Assessment fees are charged as follows: \$140 submission fee enrolls a student in the portfolio process for one year; \$140 evaluation fee for each original essay submitted includes up to two rewrites. These fees apply for the 2011-2012 academic year.

NOTE: Perspectives on Prior Learning is an elective course and does NOT fulfill general education requirements. Additional portfolio credits earned, may apply to general education categories.

PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT

During the *Perspectives on Prior Learning* course, students will write and compile the following portfolio components:

- ◆ Analytical Resume
- ◆ Transcript Summary
- ◆ Autobiography
- ◆ 2 Life Learning Experience Essays

Students will receive a Portfolio Handbook, information packet, worksheets, exercises and individual counseling to aid in portfolio preparation.

In order to receive credit for the Perspectives on Prior Learning course, a portfolio meeting the above minimum requirements must be turned in at the conclusion of the class. Essays may subsequently be submitted to the Prior Learning Assessment for credit evaluation; **assessment fees will apply.**

- ❖ **Registration must be completed through an Academic Advisor; for enrollment materials call 800.443.5522 x4318.**
 - ❖ **Prior Learning Assessment reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment**
 - ❖ **Full participation in ALL FOUR class sessions is expected.**
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