Students enrolled in the Applied Communications program are eligible to participate in the following Credit for Prior Learning programs. Be aware a maximum of 60 QH of prior learning credit may be applied to the baccalaureate degree. All CPL options may count towards the last 45 QH required to be taken at NLU. Students are encouraged to check with their advisor/coach to ensure that CPL options meet the degree requirements without duplicating prior coursework.

Credit by Portfolio – ACL301
*Perspectives on Prior Learning* (ACL301) is a five-week online course for students to demonstrate course equivalent competencies that have occurred outside of the tradition classroom. Students prepare a portfolio of learning essays including supporting validation/documentation. The course is worth 2QH of elective credit with potential to earn additional credit for the two essays completed in the course.

Credit by Examination
- **CLEP Exams** – measure knowledge of five subject areas: Composition & Literature, Foreign Languages (French, German, Spanish), History & Social Sciences, Science & Mathematics, and Business.
- **DSST (DANTES) Exams** – measure learning in academic areas including Mathematics, Humanities, Physical & Life Sciences, Social Sciences, and Technical Writing.
- **NYU Language Proficiency Exams** – measure knowledge of 52 specific languages, including Polish, Mandarin Chinese, Russian to name a few.

Exams are proctored at Chicago, Lisle and Wheeling locations. Registration information and exam schedules can be found via the PLA website.

Credit by Licensure/Certification
Students who possess one or more of the approved licenses/certifications on NLU’s list may be eligible to receive elective credit pending there is no transcript credit duplication. Items on the list include CPR, First Aid, Food Protection Manager, etc. NLU also recognizes professional and military credit as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE). A full list of work and military training can be found on the National Guide at:

http://www2.acenet.edu/credit/?fuseaction=browse.main

For more information, please go to; [www.nl.edu/pla](http://www.nl.edu/pla)