

# CREDIT FOR PRIOR AND ALTERNATIVE LEARNING (CPAL)

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**Related Policies:**

**Related Forms, Procedures and References:** Transfer Students website  
(<https://www.stkate.edu/admission-and-aid/transfer/>)

**For Questions Contact:** Office of the Registrar | 651.690.6531

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Our Credit for Prior and Alternative Learning (CPAL) program is a pathway to earn credit for learning that is not already documented as a credit-bearing, graded course on a U.S. institutionally accredited college/university transcript.

Students may earn up to 33% of the total credits required for their degree via successful completion of a portfolio or comparable examination evaluated by a St. Catherine University faculty member. Discretion over the course equivalencies and total CPAL credits available remains with the academic program. Students should consult directly with academic advisors and program directors for full details.

The grade assigned for CPAL courses can be either S/U or a standard A-F letter grade, allowing the credit to fulfill major requirements if so determined by the program director.

For more information on the CPAL options or to see pre-approved courses and examinations on our transfer guides, visit our Transfer Students website (<https://www.stkate.edu/admission-and-aid/transfer/>).