



Los Angeles Valley College

5800 Fulton Avenue

Valley Glen, California 91401-4096

PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING CREDIT FOR COLLEGE COURSE WORK TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Credit may only be granted after completion of 12 units **within** the Los Angeles Community College District with a “C” (2.0) or higher grade point average. Other conditions are noted in the LAVC Catalog. Please refer to Associate Degree and Occupational Certificate Program sections.
2. LAVC only grants credit toward an LAVC Associate Degree or an LAVC occupational certificate.
3. LAVC can **NOT** grant credit for any other colleges or universities. For example, if you want to earn a Bachelor’s degree from a university, that university will evaluate your credit; LAVC can **NOT** grant credit for another institution.
4. At LAVC you can NOT use foreign credit for California State University (CSU) General Education Certifications, or for the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Core Curriculum (IGETC). If you are a LAVC student and want to use foreign credit toward general education at CSU or University of California, you must follow that university’s “Native Student Plan” for general education. See a counselor for more information.
5. A maximum of 30 semester units may be accepted for course work completed at an institution of higher education outside the United States.
6. In order to be considered for UNIT credit, the evaluation, conducted by the independent transcript evaluation service, must include the following:
 - a. Description of the country’s higher education system and the role of the institution in that system.
 - b. Verification that the institution is approved by the country’s approving/accrediting agency (e.g., ministry of education).
 - c. The hours completed and their semester-unit equivalencies.
 - d. Grades- U.S. equivalent (i.e., A-F), pass/no-pass, or percentage, including the percentage required for passing.

****ONLY** elective credit will be granted if any of the above criteria is not met.

7. In order to be considered for COURSE credit, in addition to the requirements listed above in #6, the evaluation must include the following for each course:
 - a. Course description
 - b. Topics covered
 - c. Hours (lecture and/or lab hours)
 - d. Prerequisites, if applicable

8. If course equivalency is granted the courses shall be used for all degrees and certificates awarded by colleges in the LACCD, **except:**
- No course taken outside the United States, may be used to satisfy the Associate Degree's Reading and Written Expression or Oral Communication requirement.
 - No course taken at institutions of higher learning outside the United States may be used to satisfy Associate Degree's American Institutions requirement.
 - Course credit is not granted for the Written Expression, Oral Communication, or American Institutions requirements but may be used for elective credit.
 - Courses that are part of a program that also meets licensing requirements (i.e., **Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Child Development**) must be evaluated by LAVC's General Petitions Committee (refer to #7).

PROCEDURES:

- Obtain an official translation of your official transcript.¹
- Obtain a preliminary evaluation of your credit from an independent transcript evaluation service approved by the *California Commission on Teacher Credentialing*, listed on page 3. Have evaluation mailed directly to LAVC:
Graduation Office
Los Angeles Valley College
5800 Fulton Avenue
Valley Glen, CA 91401-4096
- Once the evaluation is received by LAVC, complete a GENERAL PETITION requesting that LAVC grant credit for the work listed on the evaluation, indicating the type of credit requested (i.e., unit, course equivalent). A blank General Petition is attached to these instructions.
- Submit the GENERAL PETITION, and your official transcript², to the LAVC Graduation Office.
- You will receive credit information with a few weeks after petitioning.

¹ Official translation is not necessary if the original transcript was issued in English. If you need the translation, you may select any established, recognized translating business to do the translation.

² Instead of an original transcript and translation, you may submit a photocopy of the transcript and translation. However, the photocopies must contain a note from either the evaluation service you used for from an official from the Los Angeles Valley College Graduation Office indicating that the copies are true, accurate copies of the original, unaltered documents.



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APPROVED FOREIGN TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION AGENCIES

Local Agencies:

International Education Research Foundation Credentials Evaluation Service

P.O. Box 3665
Culver City, CA 90231-3665
Telephone: (310) 258-9451
E-mail: info@ierf.org
Web site: www.ierf.org

American Education Research Corporation

P.O. Box 996
West Covina, CA 91793-0996
Telephone: (626) 339-4404
Fax: (626) 339-9081
E-mail: info@ierf.org
Web site: www.aerc-eval.com

Center for Applied Research, Evaluation, and Education, Inc. International Evaluation Service Formerly Indochinese Evaluation Services

P.O. Box 20348
Long Beach, CA 90801
Telephone: (714) 237-9272 or (714) 237-9276

Academic & Professional International Evaluations, Inc.

P.O. Box 5787
Los Alamitos, CA 90721-5787
Telephone: (562) 594-6498
Fax: (562) 594-8498
E-mail: APIE@email.msn.com
Web site: www.apie.org

Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute

P.O. Box 6908
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
Telephone: (310) 275-3530 or (800) 234-1597
Fax: (310) 275-3528
Web site: www.aceil.com

Other California Agencies:

Educational Records Evaluation Service

601 University Avenue, Suite 127
Sacramento, CA 95825
Telephone: (916) 921-0790
Fax: (916) 921-0793
E-mail: edu@eres.com
Web site: www.eres.com

Institute for International Credentials Evaluations at California State University, Fresno

5150 North Maple Avenue, M/S 56
Joyal Administration, Room 211
California State University, Fresno
Fresno, CA 93740-8026
Telephone: (559) 278-7622
Fax: (559) 278-7879
E-mail: iicecsufresno@cviip.net

Out of State Agencies:

Joseph Silny and Associates, Inc. International Education Consultants

7101 SW 102 Avenue
Miami, FL 33173
Telephone: (305) 273-1616
Fax: (305) 273-1338
E-mail: info@jsilny.com
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Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc.

P.O. Box 514070
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Web site: www.ece.org

World Education Services Application for Evaluation of Foreign Educational Credentials

5087 Bowling Green Station
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