

Prairie Bible College Distance Education

Course Substitutions for Knowledge achieved



You can “challenge” some courses

You can be exempted from certain courses through Challenge Exams. You must, however, take another course in the same subject area instead, as passing the challenge exam does not give you academic credit. You must receive at least 70% on the exam. There is no charge for writing the exam, which you can do only once. You cannot take the exam if you have already enrolled in the course. Contact Distance Education for the courses that offer challenge exams.

You can be exempted from a course

You may have the right kind of experience and training to be “exempted” from a Prairie Bible College course. This means that if you can show that you have learned *outside the classroom* the knowledge and experience that is required in a course, you can apply for an exemption. If you receive an exemption from a three-credit course, you do not gain academic credit but must take another three-credit course in place of it.

The exemption policy is designed for anyone who through experience, training and personal study, has already gained the information required for a Prairie course. This enables you to replace it with a course of more value to your growth and equipping for ministry. There is no fee for applying for and receiving an exemption. See the “Course Exemption Policy” for instructions on how to apply for an exemption.

If you are exempted from a course that is required in your program, you may use transfer credits to replace it. Such transfer credits must be in the same subject area.

You can receive APPLE Credit

(Assessment Program for Prior Learning Experience)

Prairie Bible College recognizes that learning takes place in many ways and in many settings. Our APPLE program assesses and grants credit for learning that you have acquired outside the classroom. You may be able to earn credit towards your educational objective for experiential learning from such sources as your employment, the military, ministry and in-service training, volunteer activities, research projects, seminars and workshop.

Credit will be awarded only for college level *learning* that has a balance appropriate to the subject, between theory and practical application. The faculty of the Bible College will normally make the assessment. APPLE credit will not be awarded for courses you got credit for by other means, such as transfer.

You are charged an administrative fee for each course in which you request credit, to be paid when you send Prairie your assessment request. The fee is for assessment and not refundable for any reason. See the APPLE Application Guidelines for more information and an application form.

You may transfer course credits to Prairie

Your credits from other academic institutions may be transferable to Prairie if they are comparable to our courses. You also must have earned a grade C- or better in them. Just send a copy of your transcripts to Prairie Distance Education for evaluation, but we require an official copy in order for you to receive credit.