

UAF Exams and Credit for Prior Learning

UAF Competency Exams

UAF offers [competency exams](#) for three courses:

1. AIS F101 Effective Personal Computer Use
2. COMM F141X Fundamentals of Oral Communication – Public Context
3. LS F101X Library Information & Research

No credit is awarded for passing these exams, but the student's transcript and Degree Works audit will include a notation that the course requirement has been fulfilled.

Competency exams for AIS F101 and LS F101X are administered by [Testing Services](#) and cost \$25 per exam. LS F101X requires a score of 85% or higher. AIS F101 requires a score of 70% or higher.

The competency exam for COMM F141X is administered by the [Department of Communication](#) and requires a grade of B (3.0) or higher for the exam.

UAF Credit by Exam

Students may request to challenge any course except those ending in x90 – x99 as [credit by exam](#). It is up to the discretion of the department or instructor to decide which courses can be challenged, testing method and grading procedures. Cost is \$40 per credit. The instructor determines whether the grading is pass/fail or letter grade. Credit by Exam is administered through [Testing Services](#).

UAF Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)

Undergraduate degree-seeking students may acquire a maximum of 25 percent of their total program requirements through [Credit for Prior Learning \(CPL\)](#). Credentials are reviewed by faculty from participating departments who determine if this process is appropriate and make recommendations for awarding credit. Review is based on equivalency to regularly offered non-special topics courses listed in the [course descriptions](#) section of the catalog. Credit is not based on experience but on the university-level learning outcomes associated with the student's experience that match the learning outcomes of the equivalent course. Credit for prior learning is posted on the student's transcript as such, but it does not impact a student's grade point average, is not considered residence credit, and does not duplicate other awarded credits. At any point in review, the student's submission for credit may be denied, and UAF makes no advance assurances regarding the number of credits awarded. CPL is administered by the [Academic Advising Center](#).