

Academic Policies & Regulations

Admissions

To apply or to request information in person, visit the Enrollment Services Center. Correspondence regarding admission should be addressed to the Registrar's Office.

Alvin Community College is an open admission institution. However, admission to the College does not guarantee admission to specific programs. Some departments require that the student obtain departmental approval before registering for their programs and courses, and special requirements may apply.

Admission to the college is required for admission to all departmental programs. See the *Admission to Specific Curriculums* section.

Enrollment Services Center

The Enrollment Services Center, located at the front entrance of Building A, is a one stop shop for prospective and current students. The ESC provides a full range of services which include admission, registration, financial aid, dissemination of general information, placement testing and GED registration, grant, loan and scholarship processing, graduation application, enrollment verification, transcript requests, student program changes, nontraditional credit applications, residency reclassifications, data change requests and course withdrawals.

Admission Requirements

Students entering college for the first time must be advised by Advising Services. Students should complete testing before their advising session, or bring TASP, THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS scores or proof of Texas Success Initiative (TSI) exemption to the session (see *Testing section*).

Students must provide the records and/or forms listed under the appropriate category. Personal copies may be used for advising; however, an official copy of test scores must be on file before the student may register. (Note: See also *Testing* and *TSI* sections.)

Admission Categories

- **Graduates from accredited high schools:** Admission Application, high school transcript with graduation date, and THEA, TASP, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS, test scores.
- **Students with GED Certificates:** Admission Application, GED scores and THEA, TASP, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS test scores.
- **College transfer students:** Admission Application, transcripts from previous colleges and THEA, TASP, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS test scores. Students on probation or suspension must obtain approval from the Dean of Students. Call 281-756-3517 for an appointment.
- **Former ACC students:** All returning students must provide current transcripts from colleges attended since last attending ACC and THEA, TASP, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS test scores.

Former ACC students on academic probation or suspension at another institution must obtain approval from the Dean of Students, 281-756-3517. Returning students who have not attended ACC for one or more years must complete a new admission application.

- **Graduates from home school programs:** Admission Application, home school transcript verifying graduation date with school official name and signature and THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS test scores.
- **Dual Credit, Concurrently enrolled high school students or Home School students.** Admission Application, Early Admission Contract, official high school transcript and THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS test (if not exempt).
- **Individual approval** - includes graduates of non-accredited schools or individuals without a *regionally accredited* high school diploma or GED: Admission Application and THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS test scores. Note: Students admitted under Individual Approval should take the ACCUPLACER or COMPASS test if applying for financial aid.
- **International students** (Students born in another country who are not U.S. citizens or resident aliens): Approval from the Advisor for International Students is required. For additional requirements. Call 281/756-3531.

International Student Regulations

International students are citizens of a country other than the United States who have an F-1 or M-1 visa for educational purposes and who intend to return to their home country upon completion of their educational program. International students must carry a minimum of twelve semester hours to meet the requirements of the United States Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Before any admission action can be taken, international students must complete and file the following with the Counselor for International Students four months prior to the beginning of the semester in which they plan to enroll:

1. A completed application form
2. Official transcripts for at least the last four years of secondary school study and for any university-level or other post-secondary school work. These records must list all subjects taken, grades earned or examination results in each subject, and all diplomas and certificates awarded. If these documents are not in English, they must be accompanied by authorized English translations. See Credit from Foreign Institutions.
3. A score of at least 500 on the written Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), 173 on the computerized test and 61 on the IBT (Internet Based Test) test administered by Educational Testing Services, Princeton, NJ, or possess adequate competency in English instruction. Tests must have been taken within the last two years.
4. An Affidavit of Support that documents proof of available funds to cover both personal and educational expenses while in this country
5. A health form or physician's statement verifying student's immunization record

6. For students transferring from another U.S. college or university, the student must have an international students Advisor's Report from the International Student Office at the institution.

Once admitted, students must obtain personal health insurance for the duration of their studies, make a \$500 security deposit and complete the Texas Higher Education Assessment (THEA); this test must be taken before enrolling at ACC.

International students interested in receiving admission information should send an international money order for \$25 to the Office of International Student Affairs, Alvin Community College, 3110 Mustang Road, Alvin, Texas 77511-4898, or call 281-756-3531.

Students petitioning to receive transfer credit from foreign institutions must have their transcript evaluated and translated into English by an approved evaluation service (see page 15).

Student Guidelines to Maintain Legal F-1 Status

- Maintain a valid passport for at least six months into the future.
- Full time status is required. Nine of the twelve required hours must be taken as in-class lecture courses.
- Students may not attend classes without completing registration and payment of tuition and fees.
- The student must attend all scheduled class meetings.
- Students may not exceed three absences deemed unexcused by the Primary Designated School Official.
- Students who are enrolled in developmental courses must attend classes and participate in instructional activities and labs. Failure to attend and participate could result in being dropped from all classes.
- Concurrent enrollment at other colleges/universities must be approved by the International Student Advisor.
- Maintain good academic standing of 2.0 GPA or better.
- A change of major requires a new I-20. Contact the International Student Advisor at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the new program.
- Contact the International Student Advisor before changing schools.
- Off-campus employment requires authorization from the USCIS (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services).
- Report a change of address, phone number, or email address to the ESC and to the International Office within ten days.
- Meet all financial obligations at Alvin Community College. If problems arise, talk to the International Student Advisor.
- Request travel authorization from the International Student Advisor at least two weeks before leaving the U.S.

Admission to Specific Curriculums

To enter the following curriculums, students must meet specific departmental requirements in addition to the general college admission requirements:

- Child Development/Early Childhood
- Court Reporting
- Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography
- Electroneurodiagnostic Technician
- Emergency Medical Technology

- Nursing
- Nursing-Transition
- Pharmacy Technician
- Polysomnography
- Respiratory Care
- Vocational Nursing

Departmental admission requirements are listed in the Educational Programs section of the catalog.

Students will be admitted to a curriculum, subject to enrollment limits, when all of the listed departmental requirements are met. Students who do not meet the admission requirements for a specific curriculum may be eligible to enter that curriculum after satisfactorily completing preparatory course work. Admission to these curriculums is determined by the departments.

Student Criminal Background Check

Admission to certain programs of study or select student campus employment positions may require a criminal background check. These checks may be required by law, for program approval or accreditation, or to promote campus safety. Contact the Department Chair to determine if a specific program requires a background check.

Transcript Requirement

Records (test scores, transcripts, etc.) are considered official only when sent directly from the issuing institution to the ESC or when presented in a sealed envelope issued by the institution. Students are responsible for requesting their official records from the issuing institution. All required official records must be on file by the census date of the first semester of attendance. Once submitted, transcripts become the property of ACC and cannot be returned. Students applying for financial aid funds must have academic transcripts in the Registrar's Office before funds will be awarded.

Placement Testing Requirement

Although testing is not an admission requirement, it is a requirement for registration. All students who have not provided official documentation for an exemption from TSI (see TSI Exemptions) must have official TASP, THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET, or COMPASS test scores prior to registration. Testing information may be obtained from class schedules or by calling 281-756-3531. Test scores are used only to place students in appropriate courses. Students who have a disability should see the ADA Counselor prior to testing if accommodations are needed. Call 281-756-3531 for an appointment.

Residency Information

When students are admitted, they are informed of their residence classification based on information on their application's Core Residency Questions and supporting documentation. Tuition is based on this classification. Transfer students will maintain the residence classification issued by the last public institution attended during the 12 months prior to the term for admission.

Proof of Residence

An independent student may be asked to provide documentation for both state and in-district classification that shows the student's name and address. A dependent student may be asked to provide their dependency upon their parent(s) and their parent's current state residence documentation including parent's name and address.

Residency Statuses:

Texas Resident - The following persons will be classified as Texas residents are entitled to pay in-state resident tuition at ACC if:

- 1) - graduated from a public or accredited private high school in Texas or received, as an alternative to a high school diploma, the equivalent (GED) in this state; and
 - maintained a residence continuously in Texas for the 36 months immediately preceding the date of high school graduation or receipt of the GED and continuously maintained a residence in Texas for the 12 months preceding the census date of the academic semester in which the person enrolls at ACC.
- 2) - established a domicile in this state not less than 12 months before the census date or the academic semester in which the person enrolls at ACC; and
 - maintained a residence continuously in Texas for the 12 months immediately preceding the census date of the academic semester in which the person enrolls at ACC.
- 3) You are a dependent of a parent who;
 - established a domicile in Texas not less than 12 months before the census date of the academic semester in which the person enrolls at ACC; and
 - maintained a residence continuously in Texas for the 12 months immediately preceding the census date of the academic semester in which the person enrolls in an institution.

Residency Terms and Definitions:

Maintained a Residence: Physically reside in Texas, which could not have been interrupted by a temporary absence from the state.

Establish a Domicile: For at least 12 months prior to the census date of the semester in which the student enrolls, the student:

- owns real property (land, home) in Texas
- owns a business in Texas
- has a state or local license to conduct a business or practice profession in Texas
- has been gainfully (full-time) employed in Texas
- has marriage certificate with documentation to support the spouse is a resident of Texas with any of the above.

Non-Resident - An individual who does not qualify under any of the three Texas resident categories will be classified a non-resident student.

In-District - A Texas resident who physically resides within the geographic boundaries of the ACC District at the time of admission will be classified an in-district student.

Out-District - A Texas resident who physically resides outside the geographic boundaries of the ACC District at the time of their admission will be classified an out-district student.

Reclassification Based on Additional or Changed Information

If a student's residence changes after admission, the student must file a Residence Reclassification Petition with the Enrollment Services Center and provide supporting documentation proving the new classification. Changes made will apply to the first succeeding semester in which the student is enrolled, if the change is made after the term census date; changes made prior to or on the census date, will apply to the current semester.

Out-District to In-District: Independent students must prove residence prior to the census date for the given semester by providing one of the documents listed with their name and address. Dependent students must prove residence prior to the census date for the given semester by providing one of documents listed with their parent's name and address, along with their parent's IRS federal tax return showing the student as a dependent. (P.O. Box excluded)

- Texas permanent driver's license showing ACC District address
- Current tax receipt showing ACC District tax status (available at the Brazoria County Substation on Hwy 35, north of Alvin)
- Texas Voter Registration card showing ACC District address
- Lease agreement showing ACC District address and student's name
- Current utility bill showing service at ACC District address (P.O. excluded)
- Other third party documentation (check with Registrar)

Non-resident to Resident: Independent students must prove their gainful employment, established domicile and maintained residence in Texas for at least 12 months prior to the census date for the given semester by providing the documentation listed with their name and address. Dependent students must prove their parent's gainful employment, established domicile and maintained residence in Texas for at least 12 months prior to the census date for the given semester by providing the documentation listed with their parent's name and address, in addition to their parent's IRS federal tax return showing the student as a dependent.

- A) An employer's statement of dates of employment (beginning and current or ending dates) that encompass at least 12 months. Other documents may be used that show the person is self-employed, employed as a homemaker, or is living off his/her earnings, or through public assistance may be used. For a homeless person, written statements from the office of one or more social service agencies located in Texas that attests to the provision of services to the homeless person for the 12 months also qualifies. Student employment such as work-study, the receipt of stipends, fellowships or research or teaching assistance-ships do not qualify; or
- B) Documentation, which if accompanied and maintained for the 12 months prior to the census date of the given term and at least one type of document listed in section C.
 - Title to real property in Texas
 - Marriage certificate with documentation to support that spouse is a resident of Texas
 - Ownership of business in Texas with documents that evidence the organization or the business as a partnership or corporation and reflect the ownership of the person or dependent's parent.

- State or local licenses to conduct a business or practice a profession in Texas.

C) Documentation must accompany at least one type of documents listed in section B.

- Utility bill for the 12 months preceding the census date
- Texas high school transcript for full senior year preceding the census date
- Transcript from a Texas institution showing presence in the state for the 12 months preceding the census date
- Texas driver's license or Texas ID card that has not expired and if it reflects an origination date, shows an origination date of at least 12 months prior to the census date.
- Texas voter's registration card that is issued more than 12 months prior to the census date.
- Pay stubs for the 12 months preceding the census date
- Bank statements reflecting a Texas address for the 12 months preceding the census date.
- Cancelled checks that reflect a Texas residence for the 12 consecutive months preceding the census date.
- Lease or rental of real property in the name of the person or dependent's parent for the 12 months preceding the census date
- Current credit report that documents the length and place of residence of the person or the dependent's parent
- Written statements from the office of one or more social service agencies, attesting to the provision of services for at least 12 months preceding the census date

A student's residence status may be affected by the death or divorce of the student's parents, custody of a minor by court order, marriage of the student, active military duty of the student or student's parents, temporary assignments of the student's parents out of Texas, etc. Further details about residency may be obtained from the Registrar's Office. Information about tuition waiver programs for non-resident individuals may be obtained from the Business Office.

Texas Success Initiative (TSI)

The 78th Texas Legislature implemented the Texas Success Initiative (TX Education Code 51.3062) to give Texas public higher education more flexibility in its efforts to develop better academic skills among students who need them for success in college.

Alvin Community College academic advisors and counselors will work with students who are skill-deficient, as evidenced through required placement testing, to develop an educational plan to achieve college readiness in weak academic areas.

Successful completion of the required developmental sequence of courses will enable students to become "College Ready."

Required Scores to meet College Readiness Standard

The state minimum passing standard is a score of 230 in reading and in mathematics and a score of 220 in writing. For students who tested before September 1995, the minimum passing standard is 220 in each skill area (reading, math, and writing).

PLACEMENT CHART

SUBJECT	THEA (TASP) from 9/95	ACCUPLACER Multiple Choice	COMPASS	WritePlacer or E-Write
READING				
0309	0-195	0-68	0-68	
0310	196-229	69-77	69-80	
0312	230+	78	81+	
MATH				
0309	0-209	0-50	0-25	
0310	210-229	51-62	26-38	
0312	230-269*	63-85*	39-69	
1314****	270+	86	70+	
ENGLISH				
0309	0-185	0-70	0-45	0-4
0310	186-219	71-79	46-58	***
1301	220+	80	59+	6+

- * Remediation not required but Math 0312 to be taken if a math course is selected.
- ** Essay scores take precedence over all English scores except THEA (TASP).
- *** Placement with an essay score of 5 is based on the multiple choice score.
- **** Additional scores/standards used for Math 1314 placement include: TAKS - 2400, ACT-21, SAT-550 or High School Pre-Calculus with grade of A or B.

TSI Exemptions

- ACT - a combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum of 19 on English and math grants a full exemption. A combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum of 19 on English grants a partial exemption in English; a combined score of 23 or higher with a minimum score of 19 on math grants a partial exemption in math. Scores must not be more than 5 years old.
- SAT - a combined score of 1070 or higher with a minimum of 500 on both English and math grants a full exemption. A combined score of 1070 with a minimum of 500 on verbal grants a partial exemption in English; a combined score of 1070 or higher with a minimum score of 500 on math grants a partial exemption in math. Scores must not be more than 5 years old.
- TAKS - minimum score of 2200 on the English Language Arts with a minimum score of 3 on the writing subscore; 2200 on math. Scores must be no more than 3 years old.
- Associate or Baccalaureate degree graduates from a Texas public institution of higher education
- Transfer students from private or independent institutions of higher education or an accredited out of state institution and who have satisfactorily completed college-level course work as determined by the receiving institution.
- Transfer students who have been determined to have met college readiness standards.
- A student who is serving on active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, the Texas National Guard, or member of the armed forces reserve and has been serving for at least 3 years preceding enrollment.
- A student who on or after August 1, 1990 was honorably discharged, retired or released from active duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States, or the Texas National Guard or served as a member of the armed forces reserve.

Waived Level One Certificate Programs

Students enrolled in any waived program are waived from the requirements of the ACC Developmental Education Plan. Course prerequisites will apply. Students concurrently enrolled in an active Associate Degree or Level Two Certificate program are not eligible for this waiver. Eligible certificate programs include:

Basic Law Enforcement Academy	Management Development
Child Develop/ Early Childhood	Office Administrative Support
Child Develop/ Early Child. Adm	Office Assistant
Computer Info. Tech.- Data Processing	Paralegal
Computer Info. Tech.- Networking	Pharmacy Technician
Correctional Administration	Process Technology
Correctional Science	Radio / TV Broadcasting
Court Reporting Scopist	Substance Abuse Counseling
Crime Scene Technician	Texas Peace Officer
Culinary Arts	Vocational Nursing
Emergency Medical Technology	
Industrial Design Technology	

Individual Educational Plan

Students who do not pass one or more of the minimum passing standards on the placement test at Alvin Community College are required to complete an Individual Educational Plan with an academic advisor before beginning their first semester of college.

The Individual Educational Plan shall include:

- the developmental courses required to meet the college readiness standard
- non-developmental courses for which the student is eligible.

TSI Developmental Sequence

Students may complete their TSI obligation for any of the three subject areas (reading, writing, and mathematics) when the following sequence is completed:

1. The student must take the THEA, ACCUPLACER, ASSET or COMPASS and pass.
2. The student must pass the required developmental course sequence for the subject area not passed with a grade of C or better.

Developmental Course Requirement

Students who fail one or more sections of the THEA (TASP) or an approved placement test must enroll and attend a developmental course for at least one of the failed sections until all sections are passed or required developmental courses are completed with a grade of "C or better". Students could be withdrawn from ALL courses for non-attendance of the developmental class.

Developmental Courses

The College offers developmental courses in basic math, reading and English. Students who need full-time status may register for up to 12 semester hours of developmental courses. TSI obligated students who have a placement score below the college level must enroll and participate in the appropriate developmental course. In addition, financial aid recipients who need developmental courses must also be enrolled in at least one college level course. For more information, contact Advising Services.

Developmental Courses:

English 0309, English 0310
Math 0309, Math 0310, Math 0312
Reading 0309, Reading 0310, Reading 0312

Developmental courses receive local credit; however, they may not be used to fulfill the requirements for a degree or certificate and do not transfer. Grades earned in developmental courses will not be used to qualify for the Dean's or Merit list or graduation with honors status.

Placement Regulations

Enrollment in some courses may require demonstration of specific knowledge or skills (referred to as prerequisites or co-requisites). These requirements may be satisfied by successful completion of previous courses; by passing scores on the THEA, TASP, ACCUPLACER, ASSET, or COMPASS test, or by concurrent enrollment in a specific course. Compliance with prerequisites and co-requisites is mandatory for TSI-obligated students.

Prerequisites and co-requisites are identified in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog.

PSYC 1300 – Learning Strategies Requirement

Students enrolled in the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts in Teaching and undeclared majors who score at the developmental level on any one section of the placement exam (Accuplacer, THEA, Compass, or Asset) are required to enroll in PSYC 1300 during their first semester of attendance at Alvin Community College. Credit for this course must be earned to satisfy this requirement.

Learning Strategies teaches students how learning takes place and provides opportunities to practice various learning and study strategies. Students will be able to identify their own strengths and weaknesses and apply the skills that are taught to maximize their success in college.

Responsibility for Course Selection

The College provides students with information and academic advice to assist them in making academic decisions. Advising Services, program directors, and department chairs are responsible for providing current and accurate information and advice concerning the academic and technical programs of the College. The student is responsible for seeking advice, for knowing and meeting the requirements of the selected course, degree, or certificate program, and for enrolling in appropriate courses. Although curriculums are arranged in a semester scheme, courses in the curriculum may be taken out of sequence provided the prerequisites are met. The instructional departments will make every effort to offer the courses in sequence as scheduling permits. The student is also responsible for knowing and meeting TSI and other testing requirements. Students transferring credit are responsible for knowing the transfer policies of the receiving college or university.

Texas Common Course Numbering System

Alvin Community College participates in the Texas Common Course Numbering System. This system is a voluntary, cooperative effort among Texas community colleges and universities to facilitate transfer of freshman and sophomore-level general academic coursework. The TCCNS provides a shared, uniform set of course designations for students and their advisors to use in determining both course equivalency and degree applicability of transfer credit on a statewide basis. When students transfer between two participating TCCNS institutions, a course taken at the sending institution transfers as the course carrying, or cross-referenced with, the same TCCNS designation at the receiving institution.

In the Texas Common Course Numbering System each course is identified by a four-character "rubric" (i.e. prefix or department abbreviation) and a four-digit number:

The first digit of the course number denotes the academic level of the course; the second digit denotes the credit value of the course in semester hours; and the third and fourth digits establish course sequencing and/or distinguish the course from others of the same level, credit value, and rubric.

"0" (zero) as the first digit of the number identifies a course as subfreshman-level and therefore remedial/developmental in content. Such courses are not presumed transferable under TCCNS guidelines, though receiving institutions are free to recognize them without obtaining special permission from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Evaluation of Previous Education

Traditional Education

(For additional information regarding transfer of credits, see the Core Curriculum and Transfer section.)

Students are required to provide official transcripts from all regionally accredited colleges and universities previously attended as part of the admission process. An incoming transcript is evaluated no later than one semester after the student's enrollment, if the student is degree seeking. Evaluated coursework will not appear on the ACC official transcript.

Courses are freely transferable to Alvin Community College from regionally accredited institutions of post secondary education when content and credit hours are equivalent to ACC courses. If the core curriculum is completed at a single Texas public institution, the core will transfer to ACC and satisfy ACC's core curriculum. Individual core courses transfer to ACC on a one-for-one basis, e.g. math for math, science for science, etc., until ACC's core requirement is met. College-level course work for which there is no ACC equivalent may be transferred as elective credit. Transferred grades must meet departmental degree criteria. Transferred course work is posted to the student's record using Texas common course numbers to assist transfer students with course selection. Proper course selection and the non duplication of course work remain the responsibility of the student. Counselors and advisors are available to assist the student with course selection.

Evaluation of Credit from Foreign Institutions

Alvin Community College accepts credit from foreign institutions when evaluated from one of the following Evaluation Services. Inquiries regarding these services should be directed to the International Student Affairs Office at 281-756-3531.

Final determination of any credit awarded will be made by respective department chairs of the course subject.

American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers
International Education Services
One Dupont Circle, NW; Suite #520, Washington DC 20036-1135
Phone: 202-296-3359, FAX: 202-822-3940

Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc.
P. O. Box 514070, Milwaukee, WI 53203-3470
<http://www.ece.org>

Education Evaluators International, Inc.
11 South Angell Street #348, Providence, RI 02906
Phone: 210-745-1015 or 401-521-5340, FAX: 401-437-6474

Foreign Credentials Service of America
1910 Justin Lane, Austin, TX 78757
<http://www.fcasa.biz>

Education Evaluators International, Inc.
11 South Angell Street #348, Providence, RI 02906
<http://www.educei.com>

GCE Southeast
Global Credential Evaluators, Inc.
Evaluation Processing Center
P.O. Box 1904, Ocean Springs, MS 39566
<http://www.gcevaluators.com>

GCE Southwest
Global Credential Evaluators, Inc.
P.O. Box 9203, College Station, TX 77842-9203
<http://www.gcevaluators.com>

International Education Research Foundation, Inc
Credentials Evaluation Service
P.O. Box 3665, Culver City, CA
<http://www.ierf.org>

RIA International Education Consultants
9461 LBJ Freeway., Suite 206, Dallas, TX 75243
<http://www.riainternationaleducation.com>

Span Tran Educational Services, Inc.
7211 Regency Square Blvd., Suite 205, Houston, TX 77036-3197
<http://www.spantran-edu.com>

Worldwide Education Consultant Services
5521 N. Expressway 77, Brownsville, TX 78520
Email: info@wecseval.com

World Education Services Foreign Academic Credential Evaluation
P.O. Box 745, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113-0745
www.wes.org/splash.html

Credit by Exam - Advanced Placement / CLEP

Test Title	AP Min Score	CLEP Min Score	Credit Hrs Awarded	ACC Course
Accounting, Financial		50	3	ACCT 2301
American Government		50	3	GOVT 2302
American Literature		50	3	ENGL 2327, 2328
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature		50	6	ENGL 2332, 2333
Art / History of Art	3		6	ARTS 1303, 1304
Art / Studio Art	3		6	ARTS 1316, 1317
Biology	3		8	BIOL 1406, 1407
Biology, General		50	4	BIOL 1406
Business Law, Introductory		50	3	BUSI 2301
Calculus		50	4	MATH 2413
Calculus AB	3		4	MATH 2413
Calculus BC	3		8	MATH 2413, 2414
Chemistry		50	4	CHEM 1411
Chemistry	3		8	CHEM 1411, 1412
College Algebra		50	3	MATH 1314
College Composition		50	6	ENGL 1301, 1302
College Mathematics		50	3	MATH 1332
English Literature		50	6	ENGL 2322, 2323
French Lang, Level I		50	8	FREN 1411, 1412
French Lang, Level II		59	14	FREN 1411, 1412 FREN 2311, 2312
French Language	3		8	FREN 1411, 1412
French Literature	3		14	FREN 1411, 1412 FREN 2311, 2312
German Lang, Level I		50	8	GERM 1411, 1412
German Lang, Level II		60	14	GERM 1411, 1412 GERM 2311, 2312
German Language	3		8	GERM 1411, 1412
Government & Politics / US	3		3	GOVT 2302
History of the US I: US to 1877		50	3	HIST 1301
History of the US II: 1865 to present		50	3	HIST 1302
Human Growth and Development		50	3	PSYC 2314
Information Systems & Computer Applications		50	4	BCIS 1405, COSC 1401
Language & Composition Test	3		6	ENGL 1301, 1302
Literature & Composition Test	3		6	ENGL 1301, 1302
Macroeconomics	3		3	ECON 2301
Macroeconomics, Principles		50	3	ECON 2301
Management, Principles		50	3	BMGT 1303
Marketing, Principles		50	3	MRKG 1311
Microeconomics	3		3	ECON 2302
Microeconomics, Principles		50	3	ECON 2302
Natural Science		50	6	BIOL 1308, 1309
Physics B	3		8	PHYS 1401, 1402
Physics C Electricity and Magnetism	3		4	PHYS 2426
Physics C Mechanics	3		4	PHYS 2425
Precalculus		50	4	MATH 2412
Spanish Lang., Level I		50	8	SPAN 1411, 1412
Spanish Lang., Level II		63	14	SPAN 1411, 1412 SPAN 2311, 2312
Spanish Language	3		8	SPAN 1411, 1412
Spanish Literature	3		4	SPAN 1411, 1412 SPAN 2311, 2312
Statistics	3		3	MATH 1342
US History	3		6	HIST 1301, 1302
Western Civilization I: Ancient East to 1648		50	3	HIST 2311
Western Civilization I: 1648 to present		50	3	HIST 2312

- CLEP general exams are not accepted.
- Credit will be evaluated from an official score report sent directly to the Registrar's Office from the testing service.
- Credit will be based upon ACC recommended passing scores. A letter grade of S (satisfactory) will be awarded.
- There is no charge for this service; request evaluation in the Enrollment Services Center.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is a pre-college course of study for secondary school students. The IB program leads to examinations that provide documentation of achievement that qualifies a student for advanced standing. Students who successfully complete the IB Diploma Program will receive 24 semester credit hours of college credit, if certain score levels are met. The student must request that the IB office send official scores to the Alvin Community College Registrar's Office. The credit is not posted automatically, therefore, the student must request that the scores be evaluated for credit by completing the Credit by Examination Form at the Registrar's Office. Students will not be charged for this evaluation of credit. After the evaluation, IB credit will be posted to the student's transcript as credit by examination depicting the course articulated and an S (satisfactory) grade. Credit awarded by another college or university for the IB coursework is not considered transferable without an official report. The courses and the examination scores used as the basis for credit are listed below:

IB EXAM	MINIMUM SCORE	ACC COURSE
Biology SL	4	BIOL-1406
Biology HL	4	BIOL-1406, 1407
Business & Management	4	BUSI-1301
Chemistry HL	4	CHEM-1411
Chemistry HL	5	CHEM-1411, 1412
Computing Studies HL	4	COSC-1415
Economics SL	4	ECON-2301
Economics HL	5	ECON-2301, 2302
English HL Lang A1 or A2	4	ENGL-1301
English HL Extended Essay	A,B,C	ENGL-1302
Environmental Systems	4	GEOL-1405
Foreign Languages:		
French		
Language A1 or A2 or B (HL)	4	FREN-1411, 1412, 2311, 2312
Language B (SL)	4	FREN-1411, 1412
Language AB	4	FREN-1411
German		
Language A1 or A2 or B (HL)	4	GERM-1411, 1412, 2311, 2312
Language B (SL)	4	GERM-1411, 1412
Language AB	4	GERM-1411
Spanish		
Language A1 or A2 or B (HL)	4	SPAN-1411, 1412, 2311, 2312
Language B (SL)	4	SPAN-1411, 1412
Language AB	4	SPAN-1411
Geography	4	GEOG-1301
History:		
Europe	4	HIST-2311
Information Technology in a Global Society	4	BCIS-1405, COSC 1401
Mathematics HL	4	MATH-2412, 2413
Mathematics w/further math (SL)	4	MATH-1342
Mathematics Methods (SL)	4	MATH-1324
Mathematical Studies (SL)	4	MATH-1332
Music	4	MUSI-1306
Philosophy	4	PHIL-1301
Physics SL	4	PHYS-1401
Physics HL	4	PHYS-1401, 1402
Psychology	4	PSYC-2301
Theater Arts	4	DRAM-1310
Visual Arts	4	ARTS-1301

Tech-Prep Program

Tech Prep programs are an approved sequence of courses that begin in high school and continue with an Associate of Applied Science or technical certificate at Alvin Community College. Agreements and six year plans are created with participating independent school districts to show the process of articulating FREE college credit with ACC. To receive Tech Prep credit a high school student must finish the sequence during the junior and senior year of high school with an 80 or above in the articulated class, must apply for the credit by filing a petition for credit at ACC within 15 months of high school graduation and must major in an associate of applied science program at ACC. If approved, credit will be posted to the college transcript after attending ACC for one semester.

For more information on Tech Prep Programs contact the Alvin Community College Tech Prep Coordinator at 281-756-3846.

Tech Prep Programs at ACC may be found on page 34.

Nontraditional Education

Nontraditional academic credit may be granted for education obtained through a variety of nontraditional methods including Continuing Education overlay courses, non-accredited private and technical college course work, military training, and credit by examination. Course work credit obtained through a variety of non-traditional methods including continuing education, military training and credit by examination and awarded by a regionally accredited institution of higher education will transfer to ACC. Students are advised to confer with institutions to which they plan to transfer regarding acceptance of nontraditional credit.

The evaluation of nontraditional education is based upon the guidelines of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Credit may also be awarded based on recommendations contained in the National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs published by the American Council on Education. This guide is located in the Registrar's Office and in Advising Services.

Nontraditional credit will be evaluated and approved by the department chair and the division chair or dean of the subject area for which credit is being requested, using the following guidelines:

- TSI requirements, including course pre/co-requisites, must be met prior to the award of nontraditional credit.
- The fees for the award of nontraditional credit are charged according to the type of credit being requested. Fees for all types of nontraditional credit are waived for veterans with honorable or general conditions discharge upon presentation of military documentation.
- A maximum of 24 hours of nontraditional credit may be awarded.
- Nontraditional credit may be awarded to an ACC matriculated student after the census date of the first semester.
- Credit is noted as nontraditional on the transcript and will receive a grade of S (satisfactory), with the exception of ACC departmental credit by exam and overlay courses.
- Applicants seeking nontraditional credit for courses that do not

meet SACS criteria may apply for credit through the credit-by-exam option.

- Nontraditional credit will not be counted toward resident credit with the exception of ACC Continuing Education overlay classes.
- There is no charge for transcription of AP/CLEP/IBD credit.

Nontraditional credit may be awarded for the following types of education:

Continuing Education Overlay Courses

An overlay course is a semester credit course offered to current or former ACC credit students for continuing education units rather than academic credit by the ACC Continuing Education Department. Circumstances may occur which would benefit the student having the CE units converted to academic credit.

- Students enrolling in an overlay class with known intent to request conversion to academic credit should take the class for academic credit.
- Overlay classes will carry the same tuition and associated fees as credit classes. However, there is no charge for converting ACC CE units to academic credit.
- Students wanting academic credit for CE units should complete the nontraditional evaluation form in the Enrollment Services Center.
- Academic credit awarded will count as resident credit.
- A grade of A, B, or C will be assigned.

American Council on Education National Guide to Educational Credit for Training Programs (ACE Guide)

ACC recognizes learning acquired through corporate universities, military training, professional and volunteer organizations, and other extra institutional learning providers.

- Students desiring credit must present documentation in support of the acquired skill and training experience.
- The evaluation and award of credit will be based upon the recommendation of the ACE Guide.
- If credit is approved, the student must pay the current hourly tuition rate for each course before credit is posted to a transcript.

Departmental Credit by Examination

Departmental credit by examination is available only to currently registered students who have not attempted the course previously at ACC by either enrollment or examination. The student must:

- apply for Credit by Exam at the Enrollment Services Center and
- pay the current hourly out of district tuition rate for each course prior to attempting credit by examination.

Credit and a letter grade of A, B, or C are awarded and posted to the student's transcript upon successful completion of departmental examinations. The English Department grants credit for grades of A or B only. Courses completed by departmental examination are noted as Credit By Exam on the transcript, but are not calculated in the ACC gpa.