

SMCCCD Military Service Credit Policy 2023-2024

Why is the policy changing?

CPL Title 5 (55050) Credit for Prior Learning Requirements

- Credit must be **awarded from the Joint Services Transcript (JST)** to verify military training and service.
- CPL must be **tied to a course or other requirement so faculty can assess prior learning** based on the course SLO's
- Credit *must first be* **applied to program or general education requirements**

Aligned at all three colleges:

- ensure **credit is awarded equitably** across the district
- **automatically awarded** in the TES process

Military Service Credit Policy ...*history*

The only credit awarded to veterans has been elective credit, local PE/GE requirements, and CSU GE Area E.

- Award credit **based on the DD 214** (military discharge papers)
- Credit is only awarded to veterans who are **honorably discharged and on active duty for one year or longer**
- Awarded 6 units of elective credit** and **exempted from the physical education requirement on the associate degree**
- 3 units may be used toward CSU GE-Breadth Area E**, CSU's policy EO 1036 allows us to apply this credit for pass-long; in practice, it's happening but not in the policies on all three campuses.
- Awarding **3 units of credit toward the local *Self Development* general education requirement** is not built into any of the three policies.



Pulling It All Together

- **De-links the DD 214** from awarding of credit, instead it requires students to submit their **Joint Services Transcript (JST)** to evaluate prior learning.
- **Identifies requirements and limitations** to awarding credit
 - CPL units are not counted in the 12-unit residency requirement
 - CPL formally identified on the student's academic record
- Clarifies that **transcripts from military service schools** (*ex. Community College of the Airforce*) are evaluated in the same manner as other regionally accredited colleges and/or universities.

- Clearly **defines how credit will be awarded** to students who have completed Basic Training.

...qualifying students are:

- **Exempted from the Associate Degree Physical Education Requirement;**
- **Awarded credit** for the **Associate Degree General Education Area E** (Lifelong Learning & Self-Development) at Skyline College and Canada College; and Area E5D (Career Exploration & Self Development) at College of San Mateo;
- and will **receive at the Associate Degree level, six units of elective credit; or**
- **Awarded credit for CSU GE Area E** (Lifelong Understanding & Self-Development) General Education Breadth requirement.

Local Degrees
PE waived (0 units)

Local GE Area E (E5D CSM)(3 units)

and **Elective Credit (6 units)**

Total - 9 Units

General Education: Area E4 - CSM							COMPLETE	
<p>✔ Met by Military Credit!</p>								
<p>✔ GE: CAREER EXPLORATION AND SELF DEVELOPMENT</p>								
<p>✔ Career Expl & Self-Dev - Select at least 3 Units</p>								
MILT 00000	Military Credit	CR	3	Fall 2004				
<p>Satisfied by: MILT00000 - Military Credit - Military Credit</p>								
Degree Applicable Electives							Units applied: 6	Classes applied: 1
Course	Title	Grade	Units	Term	Repeated			
MILT ELEC	AA/AS only: Elective Credit	CR	6	Fall 2004				
<p>Satisfied by: MILT00000 - Military Credit - Military Credit</p>								

CSU General Education Breadth Requirements E							COMPLETE
Units applied: 3							
Select 2 to 3 units from Area E1 Select a Maximum of 1 unit from E2							
Course	Title	Grade	Units	Term	Repeated		
<p>✔ AREA E. LIFELONG UNDERSTANDING & SELF-DEVELOPMENT</p>							
<p>✔ Select 3 credits from following</p>							
<p>✔ E1: Select 3 units from the following</p>							
MILT 00000	Military Credit	CR	3	Fall 2004			
<p>San Mateo County Community College District Tween, Twix AnnB. - G00400775</p>							
<p>Satisfied by: MILT00000 - Military Credit - Military Credit</p>							

AD-T's
CSU GE Area E (3 units)