Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) - for SUNY Oswego College Catalog  2.27.18

SUNY Oswego allows students to apply relevant learning, work and life experiences toward college credits through the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process. PLA is used to acknowledge college-level knowledge and skills that students acquire outside of formal higher education. Students may be able to fulfill some elective, major courses, and/or general education courses by going through the PLA process. Any active SUNY Oswego undergraduate student, enrolled in a degree program is eligible. SUNY Oswego will conduct an initial review of transcripts and discuss options for prior learning assessment as part of the Admissions or Transfer process. Accepted students are eligible to participate in assessment of prior learning activities.

A minimum of 30 program hours of credit in residence at SUNY Oswego is required to obtain a baccalaureate degree and the credit earned through prior learning assessment does not count toward the 30 hours of residency credit. Prior learning must match existing courses using the course description and course learning outcomes. Students may incur fees with the assessment of prior learning.

Course credit awarded via Prior Learning Assessment will be added to the student's transcript as transfer credit with the title “PLA” as appropriate with a grade of “T.” Attributes will be applied to each course as appropriate such as Liberal Arts, Upper Division, etc. Students must consult with their academic advisor or the Division of Extended Learning to determine which PLA option may help them attain their academic goals.