



# POLSC 48M1 Credit by Examination

## What is Credit by Examination?

Credit by Examination is a provision whereby a student who is currently enrolled in the college and is in good standing may, with departmental approval, take an examination to earn credit in a specific course. To be eligible for the Credit by Examination Process at LBCC, you must also have completed at least 12 units of coursework at the college.

## Who Should Complete the POLSC 48M1 Credit by Examination Process?

If you have previously taken the [AP U.S. Government and Politics test](#) and have earned a score of at least 3, you do not need to take the POLSC 1 course at LBCC to demonstrate your mastery of the principles and issues of government and the political process in the United States. However, the POLSC 1 course at LBCC also satisfies the requirement for a course in the principles of California state and local government as required by Title 5 of the California Administrative Code (and as part of the CSU's graduation requirement in American Institutions), which the AP test does not. Thus, it is necessary for you to successfully complete POLSC 48M1 to demonstrate your mastery of California politics and government and earn 1 unit of college credit.

In order to receive credit for successfully completing POLSC 48M1, you must complete the following steps:

- Fill-out the top section of the [LBCC Credit by Examination application form](#) and return it to Prof. [Paul Savoie](#) soon as possible.
- Purchase a copy of *California State and Local Government in Crisis, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition*, by Walt Huber (ISBN-13: 978-1626840140; Please note that earlier editions of this book cannot be used)
- Once your Credit by Examination application has been approved, a signed copy will be returned to you via email. Once you receive your approved application, take it to the LBCC Cashiers Office and pay the required fee of \$46.00. The cashier will initial your application form and write-in the receipt number for your payment. Please be sure to take the form with you from the Cashier's Office

- Send an electronic copy of your completed application to [Professor Savoie](#) via email. After receiving and reviewing your completed application, he will give you access to the POLSC 48M1 Canvas shell, which will appear on your LBCC Canvas dashboard.
- Once you have access to the POLSC 48M1 Canvas shell, complete the 10 multiple choice quizzes (1 quiz per textbook chapter) and the short essay-based final examination that are linked there. Please note that all of the quizzes and the final examination are open book, open note and are not timed. Also, the assignments are all self-paced, meaning that you can work your way through the 10 chapter quizzes and final examination at your own speed and based on your own schedule. Please note, however, that all POLSC 48M1 assignments must be successfully completed and uploaded to Canvas by the last day of the semester in which you began the process in order to receive credit. Students receiving a total score of at least 70% will receive 1 unit of credit on their LBCC transcript.
- Throughout the POLSC 48M1 process, you will have regular access to Professor Savoie via telephone, Canvas message, email or by dropping in to one of his student hours on Zoom.

## Questions About POLSC 48M1?

Please contact Prof. Savoie at 562-938-4733 or [via email](#)