

## “Credit Away” for Physics and Astronomy Courses

“Credit away” is awarded for courses that you took at another College or University while you are enrolled as a student at Penn. The most common examples are courses taken during a semester abroad or during the summer.

To get credit for the course you MUST take the Penn Physics and Astronomy Placement Exam for the appropriate course in our curriculum. Placement Exams are offered at the beginning of each term, in January or September. You should visit the registrar office’s web site or Physics Department web site for the exact date and time. You should bring your Penn ID to the exam because all students will be asked to sign in.

Along with having you take the Placement Exam, we ask for materials related to the course in order to evaluate whether the course is of comparable difficulty and coverage compared to the equivalent course at Penn. This evaluation is done separately for the in-class and lab portions of the course. Depending on the course you took, you may receive credit at Penn for the in-class portion, the lab portion or both.

In order to get credit for the course we will also need the following information:

- Name of the university where you took the course. Two-year colleges and community colleges are NOT eligible for credit away.
- Number of the equivalent course at Penn. (See our Course Catalog for further information)
- A copy of the course syllabus from the term that you were enrolled.
- Your Final and Midterm Exams for the course.
- If you wish to receive credit for the lab portion of the course, we need to review ALL your lab reports from the course. If you cannot provide all the lab reports from your course, please provide as many as possible, along with a list of all the labs that were performed.

Please bring this information to the Physics and Astronomy Academic Office, DRL room 2E1. You will be given a cover sheet to fill out when you turn in the material

Please be aware that we will make every effort to return the documents to you after we have reviewed them, but this cannot be guaranteed. You might want to consider making copies of these documents if you want to be sure to have them for the future.

You will be notified by email within 2 weeks regarding your application for Physics and Astronomy credit.