

GETTING READY WITH PLA FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Step 1: Complete PLA Pre-Advising Form

To ensure that you qualify for Advanced Placement, complete the preadvising form for Advanced Placement online at

<http://www.open.uwi.edu/sites/document/node/42>

Step 2: Submit Resumé

Send your detailed resumé to the PLA Unit for pre-screening at pla@open.uwi.edu

Step 3: Pre-advising

The Unit will provide the necessary pre-advising for PLA.

Step 4: Apply for a Programme

Apply for a programme at

<http://www.open.uwi.edu/admissions/apply now>

Step 5: Your application will be processed, you will be notified of acceptance, and you would register for the PLPD0100 course.

Step 6: You will be guided by a Course Instructor to complete your learning portfolio.

Step 7: Portfolio Assessment

Your completed portfolio will be assessed by subject content experts and the related credit assigned and

applied towards your proposed undergraduate programme

SOME BENEFITS OF PLA

If you decide to have your prior learning accessed, you will be able to:

- have your prior knowledge documented, validated and recognized for academic credit;
- gain recognition for what you already know while building your self awareness and confidence;
- continue to work and study towards reaching your educational goals;
- accelerate your degree studies in a shorter time; and
- study online in the comfort of your home or elsewhere.

COURSE FEE

The tuition fee for the Prior Learning and Portfolio Development/Assessment Course:

PLPD0100 - PLA for Advanced Placement is:

US \$360 (or equivalent).



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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

visit: www.open.uwi.edu/pla or

email: pla@open.uwi.edu

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT UNIT

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Prior Learning Assessment for Advanced Placement

Your learning from experience is valuable.

*Get your knowledge assessed through
Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)!*



Prior Learning Assessment for Advanced Placement

ABOUT PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is the process by which related learning (i.e. skills, knowledge and abilities) gained through experience can be identified, documented and assessed by subject content experts for university level credits.

The UWI Open Campus offers Prior Learning Assessment as an alternative pathway to give students access to its courses and programmes.

The UWI Open Campus recognises that:

- learning takes place outside of traditional settings and this learning can be identified, documented, validated and recognised by granting academic credits.
- there are persons accessing the programmes of the Open Campus who also have learning from experience, and through PLA, they can save time, money and reach their educational goals.

Persons with formal qualifications, who also have related learning from experience can apply and wish can be used for advanced placement.

Through PLA, learning from experience may be assessed and applied towards an undergraduate degree.

PLA FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Persons considering applying for an undergraduate degree may consider PLA for Advanced placement if they believe they have relevant non-formal and informal learning which can be documented and assessed for credits.



PLA for Advanced Placement is linked to the following undergraduate degree programmes:

- BSc Accounting
- BSc Banking and Finance
- BEd Early Childhood Development and Family Studies
- BSc Management Studies
- BSc Youth Development Work

Further information on these programmes is available at www.open.uwi.edu/programmes

There must be a proper fit between your prior learning and the specific course objectives of the Level 1 courses in the undergraduate degree programme.

Applicants interested in PLA for Advanced Placement must satisfy the University minimum

entrance requirements for matriculation and must have :

- worked for 5+ years
- reached the age of 21;
- undertaken relevant training workshops/seminars;
- read widely in the area of the degree; and
- acquired the relevant learning experience at the required level.

PLA PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT/ ASSESSMENT COURSE - PLPD0100

In the Open Campus, PLA is offered through the online Prior Learning Portfolio Development/Assessment Course – PLPD0100.

About the PLPD0100 course:

- The PLPD0100 Course describes the PLA process basic theoretical background and requirements for the portfolio.
- On successful completion and assessment of your learning portfolio, credits for the comparable course(s) will be recommended.
- You will not be required to take the corresponding Level 1 course(s), for which you have earned credits.
- Credits for up to 7 Level 1 courses (a total of 21 credits) may be earned through Prior Learning Assessment.

*** Please note that Foundation (FOUN) courses are not currently available for PLA.*