

Challenge for Credit Policy

School of Mathematical and Computer Sciences
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Scope

The University of Prince Edward Island's Academic Regulation 15 deals with challenge for course credit. This document extends Regulation 15 in the context of the School of Mathematical and Computational Sciences.

The School recognizes that some students may have achieved competence in certain subject areas through experience gained elsewhere. This experience may consist of courses taken at other institutions (for which UPEI transfer credit was not granted), self-study or skills acquired through employment. Challenge for credit is an option for these students. Academic Regulation 15 imposes a limit of 12 semester hours of challenge credit.

Policy

As prescribed by Regulation 15, the School maintains a list of courses that are eligible to challenge for credit. No course outside of this list may be challenged. Challenge for credit is not permitted for co-op or internship courses.

Regulation 15 states that *"No challenge for credit will be accepted when any attempt has been made within the previous ten years to earn credit in the course, or an equivalent course, whether by challenge or otherwise."* The School interprets "attempt" in a way that includes the following:

- The course was audited
- The student participated in the course (in any way) beyond the final day for late registration and course changes.

The School is responsible for choosing the appropriate method of evaluation, which may consist of written, practical and/or oral components. A grade of 70% must be attained in this evaluation in order to "Pass" the challenge.

Normally, challenge for credit exams will be written during the formal exam period.