

PARTICIPATION REQUEST PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Name: _____
URI ID #: _____
College: _____
Major: _____
URI E-mail address: _____
Academic level: _____
GPA: _____
Course Information (e.g., ENG 105 Introduction to Creative Writing, 4 credits): _____

Students: Submit the completed form to your faculty assessor(s)

Faculty Sponsors: Submit the completed form to the academic dean's office of your college.

Deans: Submit the completed form to the Coordinator for Prior Learning, UCAS

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PLA method: _____ If other: _____

List all learning objectives and briefly describe how your prior learning experience satisfies each:

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing and submitting this form, you acknowledge and understand the following:

- I have been provided with and understand [URI's Prior Learning Assessment \(PLA\) policy](#).
- The approval of my request to participate in the PLA program does not guarantee an award of PLA credit, nor does approval for this request in one course mean approval for any other courses.
- All relevant PLA charges have been added to my account and I am responsible to pay them regardless of credit awarded.
- Any PLA credit awarded will not count towards the residency requirement for my degree or major.

Approval for student to participate in Prior Learning Assessment for this course:

Faculty Assessor signature: _____ Date: _____

Department Chair signature: _____ Date: _____

Academic Dean office signature: _____ Date: _____

PLA Coordinator signature: _____ Date: _____

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Instructions

Prior learning assessment (PLA) is the process used by the University of Rhode Island to award academic credit for a student's knowledge and expertise acquired through life and professional experience when the student's knowledge and skills are determined to be equivalent to college-level learning.

Credit award determinations are made by the faculty sponsor, and any additional assessing subject matter expert(s), who will maintain final determination of the student's prior learning as equivalent or not-equivalent to college-level learning.

To complete this request, this form needs to be completed, submitted, and signed by all parties. **For each requested PLA course, an individual request form needs to be completed** as the requests will be evaluated individual on a case-by-case basis.

For each course, you must identify a subject matter expert who will complete the final evaluation and determine credit awards. **The assessing faculty member may be the same for multiple courses, or change per course, based on the different academic domains you are attempting to gain PLA credit in.**

For Prior Learning Assessments, this form must **be completed and returned to the PLA coordinator by the end of the drop-add period** for the semester the student will attempt PLA in.

You may access URI's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) policy on the website and in the University Manual.

Should you need any help in completing this form, identifying faculty sponsors or assessors, or identifying relevant prior learning experiences, please reach out to the Coordinator for Prior Learning and Career Advancement, Zakary Pereira at zakary_pereira@uri.edu or call (401) 874-2973.