

Credit by Exam: College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

Students must have the College Board send CLEP exam results to the Admissions Office (hand carried copies will not be accepted) for use on a degree or GE pattern.

CLEP exams CANNOT be used to meet the IGETC requirements. UC does not accept CLEP exams.

CLEP exams may be incorporated into CSU GE requirements by any certifying institution. All CSU campuses will accept the minimum units shown and apply them toward fulfillment of the designated CSU GE area if the examination is included as part of a full or subject-area certification. Please note that individual CSU campuses may choose to grant more units than those specified toward completion of CSU GE requirements.

Students should check with other prospective transfer institutions regarding acceptance of CLEP scores.

English and Mathematics CLEP exams cannot be used for placement or as a waiver for a prerequisite.

CLEP credit granted at SMC may differ from course credit and units granted by a transfer institution.

A student must be actively enrolled at SMC when applying for credit by CLEP exam. CLEP credit may not be used to meet any residency requirement. Official CLEP scores must be sent to the Admissions Office directly from the College Board. Hand-delivered copies will not be accepted.

EXAM	MINIMUM CLEP SCORE	UNITS TOWARD SMC DEGREE	SMC GENERAL EDUCATION, DEGREE and/or COURSE CREDIT	CSU GE AREA	SEMESTER UNITS TOWARD CSU GE	MINIMUM CSU SEMESTER UNITS TOWARD TRANSFER	
American Government	50	3	GE: Social Science Area II: Group A or B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Science: Group A	D8	3	3	
American Literature	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III	C2	3	3	
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III	C2	3	3	
Biology	50	3	COURSE: Biology 3*	B2	3	3	
Calculus	50	3	COURSE: Mathematics 7*	B4	3	3	
Chemistry	50	3	COURSE: Chemistry 10*	B1	3	3	
College Algebra	50	3	COURSE: Mathematics 26*	B4	3	3	
College Algebra – Trigonometry	50	3	COURSE: Mathematics 3	B4	3	3	
College Mathematics	50	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	
English Composition (no essay)	50	3	GE: Language and Rationality Area IV: Group A	N/A	0	0	
English Composition (with essay)	50	3	GE: Language and Rationality Area IV: Group A	N/A	0	0	
English Literature	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Arts and Humanities: Group B	C2	3	3	
Financial Accounting	50	3	N/A	N/A	0	3	
French (max of 10 units awarded)	Level I	50	5	N/A	N/A	0	6
	Level II	59	10	COURSE: French 1*	C2	3	12
German (max of 10 units awarded)	Level I	50	5	N/A	N/A	0	6
	Level II	60	10	COURSE: German 1*	C2	3	12
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877	50	3	GE: Social/Behavioral Sciences Area II: Group A or B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group A	D6=US-1	3	3	
History of the United States II: 1865 to the Present	50	3	GE: Social Science Area II: Group A or B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group A	D6=US-1	3	3	
Human Growth and Development	50	3	GE: Social Science Area II: Group B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group B	E	3	3	
Humanities	50	3	GE: Humanities Area III DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Arts and Humanities: Group B	C2	3	3	
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	COURSE: Computer Science 3*	N/A	0	3	
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	N/A	N/A	0	3	
Introductory Business Law	50	3	COURSE: Business 5 or 8	N/A	0	3	
Introductory Psychology	50	3	COURSE: Psychology 1*	D9	3	3	
Introductory Sociology	50	3	COURSE: Sociology 1*	D0	3	3	
Natural Sciences	50	3	GE: Natural Science Area I DEGREE: General Science: Group B or C	B1 or B2	3	3	
Pre-Calculus	50	3	COURSE: Mathematics 2*	B4	3	3	
Principles of Accounting	50		N/A	N/A	0	3	
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	COURSE: Economics 2*	D2	3	3	
Principles of Management	50	3	COURSE: Business 65*	N/A	0	3	

Principles of Marketing		50	3	COURSE: Business 20*	N/A	0	3
Principles of Microeconomics		50	3	COURSE: Economics 1*	D2	3	3
Social Sciences and History		50	3	GE: Social Science: Group B DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Social and Behavioral Sciences: Group B	N/A	0	0
Spanish (max of 10 units awarded)	Level I	50	5	N/A	N/A	0	6
	Level II	63	10	COURSE: Spanish 1*	C2	3 (effective Fall 2019 or later)	9
Trigonometry		50			B4	3	3
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648		50	3	GE: Humanities Area III DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Arts and Humanities: Group B	C2 or D6	3	3
Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present		50	3	GE: Humanities III DEGREE: Liberal Arts – Arts and Humanities: Group B	D6	3	3

*Students should be aware that CLEP credit is evaluated by corresponding it to the equivalent SMC course.

Example: Biology 3. A student who receives CLEP credit for “Biology” and then takes the equivalent SMC course will have the unit credit for such duplication deducted prior to being awarded the degree.