

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP)

Overview

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) gives college students the opportunity to receive college credit by earning qualifying scores on standardized examinations.

A student must be currently enrolled at Cerritos College at the time they request credit for CLEP exams. Credit will not be granted for courses in which equivalent or more advanced coursework has been completed. All official transcripts from CLEP must be submitted directly to the Admissions and Records Office to receive credit. The number of units earned through CLEP will be noted on the student's transcript.

Departmental approval is required to determine whether test scores will satisfy requirements for the major. Credit granted towards the associate degree at Cerritos College does not necessarily transfer to other institutions. Transferability of credit is determined by the receiving college or university.

Currently, the University of California does not accept CLEP Examinations. Please see a counselor for applicability to transfer requirements.

Credit for the American Government CLEP exam does not meet the CSU American Institutions requirement. In addition, the English composition requirement currently cannot be met by a CLEP exam.

CLEP Exam	Passing Score	CGEC Areas	Units Granted
American Government	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
American Literature	50	3: Arts & Humanities	3
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	3: Arts & Humanities	3
Biology	50	5: Natural Sciences	3
Calculus	50	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	3
Chemistry	50	5: Natural Sciences	3
College Algebra	50	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	3
College Algebra - Trigonometry	50	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	3
French Level II	59	3: Arts & Humanities	3

German Level II	60	3: Arts & Humanities	3
History, United States I	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
History, United States II	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Human Growth & Development	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Humanities	50	3: Arts & Humanities	3
Introductory Psychology	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Introductory Sociology	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Natural Sciences	50	5: Natural Sciences	3
Pre-Calculus	50	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Principles of Microeconomics	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Spanish Level II	63	3: Arts & Humanities	3
Spanish with Writing Level II	63	3: Arts & Humanities	3
Western Civilization I	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences OR 3: Arts & Humanities	3
Western Civilization II	50	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences OR 3: Arts & Humanities	3

For full detail, please review the CSU External Exam table at <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/External-Exam-Credit.aspx#InplviewHash6d53e609-96a0-4440-9e6f-dc217d795740=FilterField1%3DAcademicYear-FilterValue1%3D2025%252D2026>.