

LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGES
ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION E-123
TOPIC: **CLEP Credit**

1. Course Equivalency

Course equivalency for CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) exams, for purposes other than meeting the LACCD General Education Plan and Graduation Competency requirements for the Associate Degree, shall be determined by the college, using policies developed in consultation with the college's Academic Senate, in accordance with the provisions of LACCD Board Rules, Chapter XVIII, Article I.

Course equivalency does not award unit credit. For unit credit policy, see item 3 below.

2. Use of CLEP exams for meeting LACCD General Education Requirements and Graduation Competency Requirements for the Associate Degrees

Students must receive a passing score (50) on most CLEP exams, except Foreign Language level 2 exams which require a higher score as noted in Appendix A.

Students who take an Advanced Placement (AP) exam, an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam in the same topic area will receive credit for only one exam. (For example, if a student takes both the CLEP exam in Biology and the AP exam in Biology, they will only be awarded credit for one exam because the topics are duplicative). The college should award credit for the exam that most benefits the student.

3. CLEP Unit Credit

For the purpose of granting unit credit towards meeting General Education and Graduation Competency requirements, the LACCD shall follow the guidelines for CLEP credit set by the American Council on Education:

- *3 semester hours are recommended in the case of a half-year course.*
- *6 semester hours for most full-year courses.*
- *12 semester hours for Level 2 Foreign Language exams equivalent to four semesters of college level foreign language course work.*

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References: CSU, GE and IGETC CLEP Policies; CSU GE: refer to CSU Coded Memorandum ASA-2018-06; IGETC: refer to IGETC Standards.

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APPENDIX A

LACCD Credit for College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Exams

CLEP Exam	ACE Recommended Score	Total Semester Units Awarded Toward Associate Degree ¹	Semester Units Applied Toward Associate Degree GE Requirements ²	Associate Degree GE Area Fulfilled Board Rule: Chapter VI: 6201.15	Graduation Competency Requirement Met Board Rule: Chapter VI: 6201.13
Business Exams					
Financial Accounting	50	3	NA		
Information Systems	50	3	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	
Introductory Business Law	50	3	NA		
Principles of Management	50	3	NA		
Principles of Marketing	50	3	NA		
Composition and Literature					
American Literature	50	3	3	Section C: Humanities	R&W Competency NOT Met
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	3	Section C: Humanities	R&W Competency NOT Met
College Composition Replaces English Composition w/essay effective 07/01/10	50	6	3	Section D: Language & Rationality: Area 1. English Composition	R&W Competency NOT Met
College Composition Modular Replaces English Composition and Freshman College Composition exams effective 07/01/10	50	3	3	Section D: Language & Rationality: Area 1. English Composition	R&W Competency NOT Met
English Literature	50	3	3	Section C: Humanities	R&W Competency NOT Met
Humanities	50	3	3	Section C: Humanities	

¹ The scores and credit hours that appear in this table are the credit-granting scores and semester hours recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE). The scores listed above are equivalent to a grade of C in the corresponding course. The credit in this table is applicable for local Associate Degrees only. For credit hours that apply toward CSU and Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT's), refer to CSU Coded Memorandum AA-2015-19

² The credit listed applies toward Associate Degree GE requirements on the LACCD General Education Pattern only. For credit towards CSU GE Breadth, refer to CSU Coded Memorandum AA-2018-06.

Sources:

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Foreign Languages					
French Language, Level 1	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities	
French Language, Level 2	59	9	3	Section C: Humanities	
German Language, Level 1	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities	
German Language, Level 2	60 ³	9	3	Section C: Humanities	
Spanish Language, Level 1	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities	
Spanish Language, Level 2	63	9	3	Section C: Humanities	
Level 1 equivalent to the first two semesters (or 6 semester hours) of college level foreign language course work					
Level 2 equivalent to the first four semesters (or 12 semester hours) of college level foreign language course work					
History and Social Sciences					
American Government	50	3	3	Section B1: American Institutions	
History of the United States I	50	3	3	Section B1: American Institutions	
History of the United States II	50	3	3	Section B1: American Institutions	
Human Growth and Development	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Introductory Psychology	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	

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Introductory Sociology	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Social Sciences and History	50	6	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Western Civilization I: 1648 to Present	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Science and Mathematics					
Biology	50	6	3	Section A: Natural Sciences	
Calculus	50	4	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	Mathematics Competency Met
Chemistry	50	6	3	Section A: Natural Sciences	
College Algebra	50	3	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	Mathematics Competency Met
College Mathematics	50	6	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	Mathematics Competency Met

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Precalculus	50	3	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	Mathematics Competency Met
Natural Sciences	50	6	3	Section A: Natural Sciences	