

Earn Your Degree in up to Half the Time With CLEP Exams

The College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams are designed to measure what you have learned through informal study, reading, travel, and work, and then equate this knowledge with what students usually learn during the first year of college study. When you earn credits through CLEP exams, you can move directly to more advanced classes. This helps you complete your college education more quickly at a lower overall cost.

In the College of General Studies, you may earn up to half the credits you need to graduate—60 credits of the required 120—by earning a combination of six credits on each of the five general examinations and three to six credits on certain subject examinations. You are required to score at least 50 points or more on each exam you take in order to receive credit. A score of fewer than 50 points is awarded zero credits.

It is highly recommended that you meet with your academic advisor before registering for an exam to ensure that the CLEP exam(s) taken will count for degree requirements and will not duplicate course work. To schedule an appointment call 412-624-6600.

The College Board Web site has the most accurate information about the CLEP exams. For more information about the exam fees, registering, testing sites, exam descriptions, preparing for the exams and obtaining scores, visit the College Board Web site at:

www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/exams.html

or visit our website at:

www.cgspitt.org/clepcfm.cfm

or visit or call:

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Office of Measurement & Evaluation
Room G-33, Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
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Policies for accepting CLEP credits

1. You must have graduated from high school at least two years ago or be at least 20 years of age.
2. You may take as many of the CLEP general exams as you wish, from one to five. However, the maximum number you can schedule in one day is four.
3. The CLEP general exams must be taken before you have completed 60 college credits. The 60-credit limit includes courses taken at the University of Pittsburgh, credits taken at another college or university, and other credits received by examination. Credits earned through CLEP general exams may not duplicate credits received from other sources.
4. The CLEP subject exams must be taken before you have completed 90 college credits. The 90-credit limit includes courses taken at the University of Pittsburgh, credits taken at another college or university, and other credits received by examination. Credits earned through CLEP subject exams may not duplicate credits received from other sources.
5. Credits earned by taking the composition courses, Basic Writing, General Writing, or their equivalents from another college, will be deducted from the CLEP credits earned through the English composition general exam.
6. When you select a College of General Studies major, you will need to take courses to satisfy requirements for that major, as well as those for specific knowledge and skills. You should plan to take the introductory courses in your major as well as other courses specified regardless of credits earned through CLEP.
7. The following schools at the University of Pittsburgh accept CLEP credits. However, policies regulating the acceptance of CLEP credits for each school vary. Upon admittance to a different school or college at the University of Pittsburgh, a re-evaluation of your CLEP credits will be done. Check with each school regarding its policies.

College of Business Administration	412-383-9600
School of Education	412-648-2849
School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences	412-383-6558
School of Nursing	412-624-4586
School of Social Work	412-624-6348
8. A CLEP award may be re-evaluated for students re-admitted to the College of General Studies who were inactive for two full years or more.

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The chart below lists the CLEP exams (both general and subject exams) that are accepted, the minimum score required, and the number of credits and College of General Studies course equivalent received as advanced standing. A key for the College of General Studies requirement fulfilled column is listed below the chart.

CLEP Exams	Score	Credits	Course Equivalents		Requirement Fulfilled*
General Exams					
College Composition	50	6	ENGCOMP	0200	Writing
College Composition Modular	50	6	ENGCOMP	0200	Writing
Humanities	50	6	INTERDIS	0000	DS: H
College Mathematics	50	6	MATH	0000	Elective
Natural Sciences	50	6	INTERDIS	0000	DS: N
Social Science and History	50	6	INTERDIS	0000	DS: S, 6
Subject Exams					
American Government	50	3	PS	0200	DS: S
U.S. History I	50	3	HIST	0600	DS: S, 6
U.S. History II	50	3	HIST	0601	DS: S, 6
Western Civilization I	50	3	HIST	0100	DS: S, 6, 7
Western Civilization II	50	3	HIST	0101	DS: S, 6, 7
Introductory Sociology	50	3	SOC	0010	DS: S
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	ECON	0110	DS: S
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	ECON	0100	DS: S
American Literature	50	3	ENGLIT	0000	DS: H, 5
English Literature	50	3	ENGLIT	0000	DS: H, 5
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	6	ENGLIT	0000	DS: 5
Biology	50	6	BIOSCI	0150 and 0160	DS: N
Chemistry	50	6	CHEM	0110 and 0120	DS: N
Introductory Psychology	50	3	PSY	0010	DS: N
Educational Psychology	50	3	PSYED	1001	Elective
Human Growth and Development	50	3	PSY	0310	DS: N
Precalculus	50	3	MATH	0100	DS: 3
Calculus	50	3	MATH	0120	DS: 4
College Algebra	50	3	MATH	0031	DS: 3
Financial Accounting	50	3	BUSERV	1920	Elective
Information Systems & Computer Applications	50	3	CS	0131	DS: 4
Introductory Business Law	50	3	LEGLST	1330	DS: S
Principles of Management	50	3	BUSERV	1915	Elective
Principles of Marketing	50	3	BUSERV	1940	Elective
French Language, Level 1	50	6	FR	0001-2	DS: 7
French Language, Level 2	50	12	FR	0001-4	DS: 7
German Language, Level 1	50	6	GER	0001-2	DS: 7
German Language, Level 2	50	12	GER	0001-4	DS: 7
Spanish Language, Level 1	50	6	SPAN	0001-2	DS: 7
Spanish Language, Level 2	50	12	SPAN	0001-4	DS: 7

***College of General Studies Requirement Fulfilled Key**

DS: H	Humanities	3	Mathematics	6	History
DS: S	Social Sciences	4	Quantitative Reasoning	7	International Perspective
DS: N	Natural Sciences	5	English Literature		