

CLEP and DSST Testing Information

General Information

- CLEP and DSST are tests developed to allow students to earn college credit acquired outside of a traditional course. USF will award credit for 26 different CLEP tests and 36 DSST tests. On the day of the exam, you must request to have an official transcript sent to USF. There is no charge to post the credit on your USF transcript.
- Testing is conducted by the Academic Advising Center at USF's Main Campus, Tower Hall, N201. Contact Pat McClintock at 815-740-3590 for more information.
- A maximum of 33 semester hours may be earned and includes credit for CLEP, DANTES, Military Credit and other approved forms of credit.
- With noted exceptions, college credit is awarded as elective credit and are not used in lieu of a specific course at The University of St. Francis.
- There is an administrative fee as well as a test cost for each test taken. As of February 1, 2018 the test cost for CLEP and DSST is \$85 per test. For USF students, the administrative fee is \$15 per test. For non-students, the administrative fee is \$25 per test. Beginning July 1, 2018, CLEP tests will be \$87 each.
- Study Guides and Resources
 - Online resources are available at
 - CLEP
 - <https://clep.collegeboard.org/earn-college-credit/practice>
 - DSST
 - <http://getcollegedcredit.com/testprep>
 - http://getcollegedcredit.com/assets/pdf/Test_Taker_Bulletin_V.2.pdf
 - Many published study guides exist for both CLEP and DSST exams. Note that tests are occasionally updated so a published study guide may be outdated. The USF library has a variety of test resources in the Career Collection by the reading area, next to the Reference Desk.
- There is a minimum 6 month wait between attempts to "pass" a single test.

CLEP

CLEP Subject Examinations	USF Course	Minimum Score	Hours Awarded
American Government	POLI 105	50	3
American Literature	General Education	50	3
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	General Education	50	3
Calculus with Elementary Functions	MATH 170	50	4
Calculus with Elementary Functions	MATH 181	60	5
College Algebra	MATH 111	50	3
College Composition	General Education	50	3
College French I	FREN 101	50	3

College French II	FREN 102	59	3
College German – Level 1	FORL 194	50	3
College German – Level 2	FORL 194	60	3
College Spanish – Level 1	SPAN 101	50	3
College Spanish – Level 2	SPAN 102	63	3
English Composition w/Essay	General Education	50	3
English Literature	General Education	50	3
Financial Accounting	ACCT 125	50	3
General Biology	BIOL 124/126	50	6
General Chemistry	CHEM 120	50	4
History of the United States I	HIST 121	50	3
History of the United States II	HIST 122	50	3
Human Growth and Development	PSYC 240	50	3
Humanities +	Elective +	50	3
Intro to Educational Psychology *	EDUC 220 *	50	3
Introductory Business Law	BSAD 201	50	3
Introductory Psychology	PSYC 111	50	3
Introductory Sociology	SOCI 111	50	3
Natural Sciences	General Education	60	4
Pre-calculus	MATH 125	50	3
Principles of Macroeconomics	ECON 101	50	3
Principles of Management	MGMT 150	50	3
Principles of Marketing	MKTG 150	50	3
Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 102	50	3
Social Science and History +	Elective +	50	3
Western Civilization I +	Elective +	50	3
Western Civilization II +	Elective +	50	3

+ These CLEP scores will be accepted for elective credit only; they will not meet general education requirements

* CLEP scores in Educational Psychology will be accepted from students who are not seeking teaching certification. CLEP scores in Educational Psychology will not be accepted from students going through one of the USF approved education programs

DSST

DSST (DANTES Subjects Standardized Tests) exams were developed to allow students to be granted college credit for current knowledge without having to take the coursework.

The University of St. Francis administers all of the DSST tests except the Principles of Public Speaking. The full list of tests as of January 29, 2018 is listed below.

- A History of the Vietnam War
- Art of the Western World

- Astronomy
- Business Ethics and Society
- Business Mathematics
- Civil War and Reconstruction
- Computing and Information Technology
- Criminal Justice
- Environment and Humanity: The Race to Save the Planet
- Ethics in America
- Foundations of Education (only accepted for credit for students not enrolled in the College of Education)
- Fundamentals of College Algebra
- Fundamentals of Counseling
- Fundamentals of Cybersecurity
- General Anthropology
- Health & Human Development
- History of the Soviet Union
- Human Resource Management
- Human/Cultural Geography
- Introduction to Business
- Introduction to Law Enforcement
- Introduction to World Religions
- Lifespan Developmental Psychology
- Management Information Systems
- Math for Liberal Arts
- Money and Banking
- Organizational Behavior
- Personal Finance
- Principles of Advanced English Composition
- Principles of Finance
- Principles of Physical Science I
- Principles of Statistics
- Principles of Supervision
- Substance Abuse
- Technical Writing

Minimum DSST score

If a score of 400 or above is achieved on the test, USF will accept the score as three undergraduate credit hours.

Note that the DSST test results do not transfer in as specific courses as they are considered elective credit. If a USF student needs a course articulation to a specific USF course, requests should be made through the USF Advising Center. Scores are not translated into letter grades and therefore are not used in GPA calculations.

For information regarding specific test content visit http://getcollegecredit.com/exam_fact_sheets

References

DSST <http://getcollegecredit.com/>,
http://getcollegecredit.com/assets/pdf/Test_Taker_Bulletin_V.2.pdf

CLEP <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>
<https://clep.collegeboard.org/pdf/what-your-score-means.pdf>
<https://clep.collegeboard.org/school-policy-search>

Siele Certificate

USF is in the process of becoming certified as a Siele Testing Center to provide the service for Spanish Language Assessment. For more information, contact Pat McClintock, Advising Center, [815-740-3590](tel:815-740-3590).