

***EARN CREDIT AT BSC
FOR WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW!***



The Bismarck State College CLEP® Fact Sheet

CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) is the most widely accepted credit-by-examination program in the United States, with more than 2,900 colleges and universities awarding credit for satisfactory scores on CLEP exams. Since 1967, five million people—adults returning to college, graduating high school seniors, and enrolled college students—have earned college credit through CLEP.

With CLEP a student can earn college credit for what he or she already knows — regardless of where or how that knowledge was acquired. By passing 90-minute multiple-choice examinations, a BSC student can earn up to 45 credits by achieving satisfactory scores on CLEP exams.

Save time and money!

Advance to higher-level classes!

Fulfill a graduation requirement!



What subjects are offered for credit?

CLEP examinations measure knowledge of the material usually covered in various classes during the first two years of college. Some examinations may be used to meet general educational or liberal arts requirements while others may be used for credit for specific college courses.

The following CLEP Subject exams are accepted at Bismarck State College, subject to achievement of specified scores and the conditions stated in the CLEP policy.

CLEP Exam	Minimum Score	BSC Course Equivalent	Credits Awarded
COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE			
American Literature	50	English 261 & 262 American Literature I & II	6 (HUM)
English Literature	50	English 251 & 252 British Literature I & II	6 (HUM)
Freshman College Composition	50	English 110 College Composition I	3 (ENGL)
FOREIGN LANGUAGES			
Spanish Language - Level 1/2	50/63	Spanish 101 & 102 Spanish I & II	4/8 (HUM)
French Language – Level 1/2	50/59	Transfer 110 – General Education Arts & Humanities	4/8 (HUM)
German Language – Level 1/2	50/60	Transfer 110 – General Education Arts & Humanities	4/8 (HUM)
SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY			
American Government	50	Political Science 115 American Government	3 (SS)
Educational Psychology, Intro to	50	Psychology 230 Educational Psychology	3 (SS)
History of the US I: Early Colonization's to 1877	50	History 103 US to 1877	3 (HIST)
History of the US II: 1865 to the Present	50	History 104 US Since 1877	3 (HIST)
Human Growth and Development	50	Psychology 250 Developmental Psychology	3 (SS)
Microeconomics, Principles of	50	Economics 201 Principles of Microeconomics	3 (SS)
Macroeconomics, Principles of	50	Economics 202 Principles of Macroeconomics	3 (SS)
Psychology, Introductory	50	Psychology 111 Introduction to Psychology	3 (SS)
Sociology, Introductory	50	Sociology 110 Introduction to Sociology	3 (SS)
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	History 101 Western Civilization I	3 (HIST)
Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	50	History 102 Western Civilization II	3 (HIST)
SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, & TECHNOLOGY			
Algebra, College	50	Math 103 College Algebra	4 (MATH)
Pre-Calculus	50	Math 107 Pre-Calculus	3 (MATH)
Biology	50	Biology 150/150 L General Biology I/Lab	4 (LABSC)
Calculus	50	Math 146 Applied Calculus I	3 (MATH)
Chemistry	50	Chemistry 121/121L General Chemistry I/Lab	5 (LABSC)
Information Systems & Computer Applications	50	Transfer 170 – General Education Computer Science	2 (COMPSC)
BUSINESS			
Financial Accounting	50	Accounting 200 Elements of Accounting I	3
Business Law, Introductory	50	Accounting 215 Business in the Legal Environment	3
Management, Principles of	50	BADM 202 Principles of Management	3
Marketing, Principles of	50	BADM 201 Principles of Marketing	3
GENERAL ELECTIVES			
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	Transfer 100 – Elective Credits	6

Required minimum credit-granting scores, number of semester hours of credit to be granted, and specific course equivalents are listed under Procedure 403.7.4 (Common Credit By Exam Guidelines) of North Dakota University Systems' Policies and Procedures. The NDUS' complete procedures and Credit By Exam chart can be found at: www.ndus.nodak.edu/policies/ndus-policies/subpolicy.asp?ref=2594

What are the Exams like?

All CLEP exams are 90 minutes long. With the exception of English Composition with Essay, the tests are composed of multiple-choice or fill-in questions.

All CLEP exams are now administered on computer (CLEP CBT). The examination is preceded by a tutorial that explains how to take the exam on computer. This tutorial may be downloaded from the CLEP website at www.collegeboard.com/clep. CLEP CBT provides instant score results to test-takers, so you will know the day of the test how you performed.

These exams require college-level knowledge and critical thinking ability; sufficient preparation is required to do well.

What will the Examination cost?

CLEP delivers big savings in time and money. The fee for each examination is only **\$72** (Eligible military personnel are exempt from this fee.) The test center at BSC charges **\$15** per exam to cover administration costs.

When are the CLEP Examinations offered at BSC?

The exams are offered the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm. Alternative testing times may be available based on Testing Coordinator's schedule and with prior approval.

What is the procedure to register for a CLEP exam?

CLEP is given by scheduled appointment only.

1. The student should secure a CLEP registration form from the Testing Center, Schafer Hall, Room 205, or by calling 701-224-5658. A CLEP registration form may also be found online at www.bismarckstate.edu/student/assess/clepform.pdf
2. The registration form must be completed and returned (postmarked) at least 2 weeks prior to the test date along with the \$15.00 non-refundable registration/transcript fee (payable to BSC.) This fee is required to secure your test date (Cash will not be accepted.)
3. NOTE: Testing appointments may not be changed by phone. To reschedule a test, you must submit a new registration along with an additional non-refundable fee.
4. An Admission Ticket will be sent prior to the date of the test to confirm your test date and time. The Admission Ticket should be presented at check-in along with a photo-ID and the \$72.00 fee (check, **made payable to CLEP**, or credit card.)

What is BSC's CLEP policy?

Limits and Regulations:

1. Credits may be awarded only to enrolled BSC students.
2. New students must have transcriptable coursework entered on a BSC academic record prior to recording CLEP credit.
3. CLEP credits have neither letter nor numerical grades assigned, thus will not be used to compute a student's grade point average.
4. Credits will not be granted if a student has previously enrolled in coursework covered by CLEP examinations.
5. CLEP credits earned while attending BSC usually transfer to other colleges and universities. However, BSC does not assume responsibility for the transferability of CLEP credits.
6. A maximum of 45 semester hours of non-traditional college credit (CLEP, AP, Military, challenge exams, etc.) may be applied to any degree, diploma, or certificate program at BSC.
7. Credits earned through CLEP do not meet BSC residence requirements.
8. Students must earn a score of at least the 50th percentile to obtain college level credit at BSC.
9. Duplicate credit will not be awarded for overlapping exams.
10. CLEP exams can be repeated after 6 months using regular registration procedures.
11. The number of CLEP credits awarded are equal to BSC course credits.

How can I get more information about CLEP?

Stop by or call the Testing Center at:

Schafer Hall – Room 205
701-224-5658 or 1-800-445-5073

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Visit the BSC Testing Center web site at:

<http://www.bismarckstate.edu/student/assess/>

Or the CLEP Program Web site at:

www.collegeboard.com/clep

CLEP is a program of the College Board, a nonprofit association of colleges, universities, and high schools.