

# COLLEGE LEVEL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (CLEP) EXAMINATION EQUIVALENCY LIST FOR VC AND CSU GE-BREADTH

CLEP Exam	Minimum Passing Score	Total Units Earned (includes GE)	GE Units Earned	AA/AS GE Area	Course Equivalent
American Government	50	3	3	B1 or B2	
American Literature	50	3	3	C2	
Analyzing & Interpreting Literature	50	3	3	C2	
Biology	50	3	3	A1	
Calculus	50	3	3	D2	
Calculus (F09 or prior)	51	3	3	D2	
Chemistry	50	3	3	A2	
Chemistry (F09 or prior)	48	3	0	n/a	
College Algebra	50	3	3	D2	
College Algebra - Trigonometry	50	3	3	D2	
College Mathematics	50	3	3	D2	
English Composition	50	0	0	n/a	
English Composition - Modular	50	0	0	n/a	
English Composition (no essay)	50	0	0	n/a	
English Composition (with essay)	50	0	0	n/a	
English Literature (prior F11)	50	3	3	C2	
Financial Accounting	50	3	0	n/a	
French Level I	50	6	0	n/a	

French Level II	59	6	3	C2
Freshman College Compositior	50	0	0	n/a
German Level I	50	6	0	n/a
German Level II	60	6	3	C2
History, United States I	50	3	3	B1 or B2
History, United States II	50	3	3	B1 or B2
Human Growth & Development	50	3	3	B2
Humanities	50	3	3	C2
Info. Systems & Computer Applications	50	3	0	n/a
Intro. to Educational Psychology	50	3	3	B2
Introductory Business Law	50	3	0	n/a
Introductory Psychology	50	3	3	B2
Introductory Sociology	50	3	3	B2
Natural Sciences	50	3	3	A1 or A2
Pre-Calculus	50	3	3	D2
Principles of Accounting	50	3	0	n/a
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	3	B2
Principles of Management	50	3	0	n/a
Principles of Marketing	50	3	0	n/a
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	3	B2
Social Sciences and History	50	0	0	n/a
Spanish Level I	50	6	0	n/a

Spanish Level II	63	6	3	C2
Spanish with Writing I	50	6	0	n/a
Spanish with Writing II	63	6	3	C2
Trigonometry (prior F' 06)	50	3	3	D2
Western Civilization I	50	3	3	B2 or C2
Western Civilization II	50	3	3	B2 or C2

**Reference:**

1. VCCCD AP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning

## Rules for Using CLEP Credit for Transfer and CSU GE-Breadth

The **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)** is a credit-by-examination program that measures a student's level of comprehension of introductory college-level material and consecutively earn college credit.

The California State University (CSU) faculty has determined passing scores and, when appropriate, certification areas (for General Education Breadth and United States History, Constitution, and American Ideals) for CSU-approved standardized external examinations. The list is included below and may also be found online on the Cal State CLEP (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/pages/college-level-examination-program.aspx>) website. The CSU requires a passing score of at least 50 on the CLEP exam. Each campus in the CSU system determines how it will apply external examinations toward credit in the major. For students not already certified in GE (General Education (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/upper-division-transfer.aspx#genEdBasicReq>)) and/or American Institutions (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/upper-division-transfer.aspx#amerInsReqTab>), the campus also determines how to apply credit from such exams toward the local degree requirement

CLEP Exam	Passing Score	Minimum Semester Units Earned for CSU Admission	Semester Units toward GE Certification	CSU GE and/or American Institutions Area(s)
American Government	50	3	3	D8
American Literature	50	3	3	C2
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	3	3	C2
Biology	50	3	3	B2
Calculus (F2009 and after)	50	3	3	B4

Calculus (prior F2009)	51	3	0	n/a
Chemistry	50	3	3	B1
Chemistry (prior F2009)	48	3	0	n/a
College Algebra	50	3	3	B4
College Algebra - Trigonometry	50	3	3	B4
College Mathematics	50	0	0	n/a
College Composition	50	0	0	n/a
College Composition - Modular	50	0	0	n/a
English Composition (no essay)	50	0	0	n/a
English Composition with essay	50	0	0	n/a
English Literature (prior F2011)	50	3	3	C2
Financial Accounting	50	3	0	n/a
French Level I <sup>1</sup>	50	6	0	n/a
French Level II (F2015 and after)	59	9	3	C2
French Level II <sup>1</sup> (prior F2015)	59	12	3	C2
Freshman College Composition	50	0	0	n/a
German Level I <sup>1</sup>	50	6	0	n/a
German Level II (F2015 and after) <sup>1</sup>	60	9	3	C2
German Level II (prior F2015)	60	12	3	C2
History, United States I	50	3	3	D6+US-1
History, United States II	50	3	3	D6+US-1
Human Growth & Development	50	3	3	E
Humanities	50	3	3	C2

Info. Systems & Computer Applications	50	3	0	n/a
Intro. to Educational Psychology	50	3	0	n/a
Introductory Business Law	50	3	0	n/a
Introductory Psychology	50	3	3	D9
Introductory Sociology	50	3	3	D0
Natural Sciences	50	3	3	B1 or B2
Pre-Calculus	50	3	3	B4
Principles of Accounting	50	3	0	n/a
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	3	D2
Principles of Management	50	3	0	n/a
Principles of Marketing	50	3	0	n/a
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	3	D2
Social Sciences and History	50	0	0	n/a
Spanish Level I <sup>1</sup>	50	6	0	n/a
Spanish Level II (F2015 and after) <sup>1</sup>	63	9	3	C2
Spanish Level II (prior F2015)	63	12	3	C2
Spanish with Writing I	50	6	0	n/a
Spanish with Writing II (F2015 and after) <sup>1</sup>	63	9	3	C2
Trigonometry (prior F06)	50	3	3	B4
Western Civilization I	50	3	3	C2 or D6
Western Civilization II	50	3	3	D6

<sup>1</sup>

If a student passes more than one CLEP test in the same language other than English (e.g., two exams in French), then only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate. For each test in a language other than English, a passing score of 50 is considered "Level I" and earns six units of baccalaureate credit; the higher score listed for each test is considered "Level II" and earns additional units of credit and placement in Area C2 of GE Breadth, as noted.

## References:

CSU Policy for CLEP (<https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/pages/college-level-examination-program.aspx>); CSU Systemwide Credit for External Examinations PolicyStat ID: 13340146 (<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/10711339/latest/>) (last revised 4/17/2023).