About CLEP

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- The College Level Examination Program ® or CLEP provides students of any age with the opportunity to demonstrate college-level achievement through a program of exams in undergraduate college courses. There are 2,900 colleges that grant credit and/or advanced standing for CLEP exams.

- Getting credit:
    - Learn your college's CLEP policy. Typically, a college lists all its academic policies, including CLEP policies, in it general catalog. You'll probably find the CLEP policy statement under a heading such as Credit-by-Examination, Advanced Standing, Advanced Placement, or External Degree Program. If you can't find this information, ask the admission or registrar's office for a copy of the colleges' credit-by-examination policy.
    - Not all colleges award the same amount of CLEP credit for individual tests. Furthermore, some colleges place a limit on the total amount of credit you can earn through CLEP or other exams. Other colleges may grant you exemption but no credit toward your degree. Knowing several colleges' policies concerning these issues may help you decide which college to attend. If you think you can pass a number of CLEP exams, you may want to attend a college that will allow you to earn credit for all or most of them.
    - Most colleges publish the required scores for earning CLEP credit in their general catalog or in a brochure. The required score for earning CLEP credit may vary from exam to exam, so find out the minimum qualifying score for each exam you're considering. You can find this information in a college brochure or general catalog.
    - At some colleges, you may be able to apply your CLEP credit to the college's core curriculum requirements. For example, all students may be required to take at least six hours of humanities, six hours of English, three hours of mathematics, six hours of natural sciences, and six hours of social science, with no particular courses in these disciplines specified. In these instances, CLEP credit may be given as "6 hours English Credit" or "3 hours Math Credit" without specifying for which English or mathematics courses credit has been awarded. Find out before you take a CLEP exam what type of credit you can receive or whether you will be exempted from a required course but receive no credit.
    - Some colleges won't grant credit for a CLEP exam if you've already attempted a college-level course closely aligned with that exam. For example, if you successfully completed English 101 or a comparable course on another campus, you'll probably not be permitted to receive CLEP credit in that subject also. Some colleges won't permit you to earn CLEP credit for a course that you failed.
    - Colleges usually award credit only to their enrolled students.
    - Contact Testing Services of any college or university to schedule a CLEP test.