

CLEP

College-Level Examination Program

Let CLEP help you forge ahead on your path to a college degree. You can receive credit for what you already know by earning qualifying scores on any one or more of the CLEP examinations. Backed by the College Board, CLEP is the most respected, widely accepted credit-by-examination program of its kind—and has been for over 30 years. More than four million students have accelerated their degree programs using CLEP—earning a degree in less time and at less cost. CLEP is a national system of credit by examination. It consists of general and subject exams in a variety of areas for which you may receive undergraduate credits at Boise State University.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please see your college catalog or academic advising to determine which CLEP is right for your specific degree requirements. Your CLEP test proctor cannot advise you on your degree requirements.

LOCATION

CLEP tests are given in Room 115 of the Technical Services Building at 1464 University Drive.

FEES

CLEP Fee: \$72.00. Credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover) are the preferred payment method. Checks or money orders are also acceptable and should be made payable to CLEP. **CASH IS NOT ACCEPTED. This fee is nonrefundable.**

BSU Administration Fee: \$25.00. This fee can be paid in the form of a credit card or debit card (Visa/Mastercard) , or cash payable to BSU at the time you make your appointment. **This fee is nonrefundable.**

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED

Students must present two (2) forms of personal identification in order to be admitted to take a CLEP test. The primary form of identification **MUST** be a government-issued photo ID card that bears the student's signature. The secondary form of identification **MUST** have a photo and/or signature. **SPECIAL NOTE:** All funded military candidates **MUST** present a current military ID and a second form of government-issued photo ID.

Acceptable forms of primary identification include:

Current Driver's License
Current State or Federal ID Card
Current Passport
Tribal ID Card
Naturalization Card or Certificate of Citizenship

Acceptable forms of secondary identification include:

Current Employee ID
Current Student ID
Social Security Card
Military ID
Unused ID from the primary choices above

DAYS AND TIMES OFFERED

Individual exam times are available **Monday and Wednesday 9am, 1pm and 5pm**. Additionally appointments are available **Friday 10am and 1:30pm**. You may schedule an appointment by calling **(208) 426-2762** or by stopping by the Technical Services Building room 115.

“CLEP is based on the premise that some individuals enrolling in college have already learned part of what is taught in college courses through noncredit adult courses, job training, independent reading and study, and advanced high-school courses. Often, their job and life experiences have enhanced or enforced their learning. CLEP provides these individuals with the opportunity to demonstrate their college-level learning by taking exams that assess the knowledge and skills taught in college courses.” (2004 CLEP Official Study Guide, 15th Edition)

If you are planning to take a CLEP exam to get out of a prerequisite course or are needing a certain course for graduation, please plan well in advance, keeping in mind that there are certain times of the year where we don't offer CLEP exams. It takes approximately four weeks for the official score reports to be sent from CLEP to the Registrar's office. And if you don't pass the exam, you will need to wait six months to take that exam again. This is a strict CLEP policy.

TIMES CLEPS EXAMS ARE NOT OFFERED

CLEP exams will be offered year round with the exception of State and University holidays.

OFFICIAL SCORE REPORTS

You may receive your **unofficial** test score the same day you take your test. **Official** test scores are sent from CLEP to the Registrar's office within four weeks. If you are not currently enrolled, the Registrar's office will hold your scores until they can be applied.

All credit for CLEP tests is granted based on the score recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE). CLEP credits are recorded on BSU transcripts with a grade of PASS when you are currently enrolled and have completed 12 credits at BSU. If the score is too low, no entry is made on the transcript. According to CLEP policy, the test can be retaken in six months. You must be enrolled at the time the credits are recorded. You may CLEP up to 1/3 of your total academic career credits. **CLEP tests cannot be used to repeat a class already completed.**

CLEP GENERAL EXAMS

These exams are measures of college-level knowledge in five general areas. The material covered is comparable to general education courses. Currently enrolled BSU students can use the CLEP General Exams, except English Composition, to satisfy part of the CORE requirements for graduation (see the BSU catalog for explanation of CORE Area I, II, III Requirements).

CLEP SUBJECT EXAMS

These exams are designed to test knowledge in specific college subjects. Some Boise State academic departments have equated these exams to specific courses taught in their departments. These specific exams can fulfill major requirements as well as CORE (see the BSU catalog for explanation of CORE Area I, II, III Requirements).

Credits awarded for CLEP Subject Exams not listed below will count toward graduation requirements as elective credit, but will not fulfill CORE requirements. The score needed to receive credit has been determined by ACE.

CLEP Subject Examinations as Electives Only		
CLEP Exam Title	Score for Credit	BSU Credit Hour Equivalent
American Literature	50	English Elective (6)
Analyze & Interpret Literature	50	English Elective (6)
English Composition with Essay	50	English Elective (6)
English Literature	50	English Elective (6)
Freshman College Composition	50	English Elective (6)
Human Growth and Development	50	Psychology Elective (3)
Info Systems and Computer App.*	50	CIS Elective (3)
Introductory to Business Law	50	General Business Elective (3)
*Cannot be used to fulfill CIS 104 or 105 requirement. Take COBE exam through Networking Operations and Information Systems (Business Bldg, Room 308; 426-181; http://cispom.boisestate.edu).		

ORDERING TRANSCRIPTS

For CLEP exams that have already been taken, a transcript can be requested by writing to:

CLEP Transcript Request Service
P.O. Box 6600
Princeton, NJ 08541-6600
800/257-9558
609/771-7088 (fax)
clep@info.collegeboard.org (e-mail)

When ordering transcripts, the student must provide the following information: name, social security number, month and year test was taken, city where test was taken, name of test taken, where to send transcript, and BSU Code #4018. Each transcript costs \$20.00 (prices subject to change).

STUDYING FOR THE CLEP



HELPFUL WEBSITE: Go to <http://www.collegeboard.com/clep> for exam descriptions. You can also purchase individual subject guides for about \$10.00 each. These are downloadable, Adobe Acrobat files and are found in the lower left-hand corner of the website marked 'Order Individual Subject Guides Online.'

Another website of use is: www.thefacebook.com

The following local libraries/bookstores have also been contacted and have the materials you need to get ready for any type of CLEP exam you may be taking.

Albertsons Library:	208/426-1204
Barnes & Noble Bookstore and Café:	208/375-4454
Boise Public Library:	208/384-4076
Boise State Bookstore:	208/426-2665
Borders Bookstore and Café:	208/322-6668

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is strongly recommended that you purchase study guides that are either approved by, or written in conjunction with, the College Board. Unfortunately, several companies use the CLEP name to market their study aids. These materials are not adequate for CLEP preparation, nor does Boise State endorse these patently false study guides. Look for the College Board logo on the front cover of the study guide. You can also order direct from the College Board at www.collegeboard.com/clep.

The Reserve Desk in the Boise State Library has the following study guides:

Preparation for the CLEP (LB2353.68.P741995)

Cracking the CLEP (LB2353.68.C731997)

CLEP General Examinations

CLEP Exam Title	Score For Credit	BSU Equivalent Course & Number of Credits
English Composition*	50	6 – General Elective Credit
Mathematics	50	6 – Area III CORE Mathematics
Humanities	50	6 – Area I CORE Humanities
Natural Sciences	50	3 – Area III CORE Biology 3 – Area III core Physical Science
Social Sciences & History	50	3 – Area II Core History 3 – Area II Core Social Science

***Cannot be used to fulfill E101-102 requirement. Can get credit through ACT, SAT, or Compass scores. To fill out form, go to <http://registrar.boisestate.edu/Forms/TestingEnglishComp.pdf>.**

CLEP Subject Examinations

CLEP Exam Title	Score For Credit	BSU Equivalent Course & Number of Credits	CORE
Accounting, Financial	50	ACCT 205 Intro to Financial Accounting (3)	
American Government	50	POLS 101 American National Government (3)	Area II
American History I: Early Colonization's to 1877	50	HIST 111 U.S. History (3)	Area II
American History II: 1865 to the Present	50	HIST 112 U.S. History (3)	Area II
Biology, General *	50	BIOL elective (3)	
Calculus with Elementary Functions	50	MATH 170, 171 Calculus I and Lab (5)	Area III
Chemistry, General	50	CHEM 101 Essentials of Chemistry (4) or CHEM 111 College Chemistry (4)	Area III
College Algebra	50	MATH 143 College Algebra (3)	Area III
Precalculus	50	MATH 147 Precalculus (5)	Area III
College French Level 1: 2 semesters Level 2: 4 semesters	50 59	FREN 101/102 Elementary French (6) FREN 201/202 Intermediate French (12)	Area I
College German Level 1: 2 semesters Level 2: 4 semesters	50 60	GERM 101/102 Elementary German (6) GERM 201/202 Intermediate German (12)	Area I
College Spanish Level 1: 2 semesters Level 2: 4 semesters	50 63	SPAN 101/102 Elementary Spanish (6) SPAN 201/202 Intermediate Spanish (12)	Area I
Educational Psychology, Introduction to	50	EDUC 203 Educational Psychology (3)	
Management, Introductory	50	Lower Division Management Elective (3)	
Macroeconomics, Introductory	50	ECON 201 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)	Area II
Microeconomics, Introductory	50	ECON 202 Principles of Microeconomics (3)	Area II
Marketing, Principles of	50	MKTG 301 Principles of Marketing (3)	
Psychology, General	50	PSYC 101 General Psychology (3)	Area II
Sociology, Introductory	50	SOC 101 Intro to Sociology (3)	Area II
Trigonometry	50	MATH 144 Analytic Trigonometry (2)	
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	HIST 101 History of Western Civilization (3)	Area II
Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present	50	HIST 102 History of Western Civilization (3)	Area II

** Area III core credit will be given only if the student completes a BIOL lab.*