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DATES OF CHANGES:

1. Course Equivalency

Course equivalency for CLEP (College-Level Examination Program) exams, for purposes other than meeting General Education and Graduation Competency requirements for the Associate Degree, shall be determined by the college, using policies developed in consultation with the college's Academic Senate, in accordance with the provisions of LACCD Board Rules, Chapter XVIII, Article I.

Course equivalency does not award unit credit. For unit credit policy, see item 3 below.

2. Use of CLEP exams for meeting General Education Requirements and Graduation Competency Requirements for the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees

CLEP Exams shall be used toward meeting General Education requirements and Graduation Competency for the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees, as defined in Board Rule Chapter VI, Article II.

Students must receive a passing score (50) on most CLEP exams, except Foreign Language level 2 exams which require a higher score as noted in Appendix A.

Students who take an Advanced Placement (AP) exam, an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam in the same topic area will receive credit for only one exam. (For example, if a student takes both the CLEP exam in Biology and the AP exam in Biology, they will only be awarded credit for one exam because the topics are duplicative). The college should award credit for the exam that most benefits the student.

3. CLEP Unit Credit

For the purpose of granting unit credit towards meeting General Education and Graduation Competency requirements, the LACCD shall follow the guidelines for CLEP credit set by the American Council on Education:

- *3 semester hours are recommended in the case of a half-year course.*
- *6 semester hours for most full-year courses.*
- *12 semester hours for Level 2 Foreign Language exams equivalent to four semesters of college level foreign language course work.*

APPENDIX A

LACCD Credit for College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Exams

CLEP Exam	ACE Recommended Score	Total Semester Units Awarded Toward Associate Degree ¹	Semester Units Applied Toward Associate Degree GE Requirements	Associate Degree GE Section Fulfilled Board Rule: Chapter VI: 6201.14	Graduation Competency Requirement Fulfilled Board Rule: Chapter VI: 6201.12	Title 5 American Institutions Requirement Fulfilled Board Rule: Chapter VI: 6201.14
Business Exams						
Financial Accounting	50	3	NA			
Information Systems and Computer Applications	50	3	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking		
Introductory Business Law	50	3	NA			
Principles of Management	50	3	NA			
Principles of Marketing	50	3	NA			
Composition and Literature						
American Literature	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities		
Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities		
College Composition Replaces English Composition w/essay effective 07/01/10	50	6	3	Section D: Language & Rationality: Area 1. English Composition		
College Composition Modular Replaces English Composition and Freshman College Composition exams effective 07/01/10	50	6	3	Section D: Language & Rationality: Area 1. English Composition		
English Literature	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities		
Humanities	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities		
Foreign Languages						
French Language, Level 1	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities		
French Language, Level 2	59	12	3	Section C: Humanities		
German Language, Level 1	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities		
German Language, Level 2	60 ³	12	3	Section C: Humanities		
Spanish Language, Level 1	50	6	3	Section C: Humanities		
Spanish Language, Level 2	63	12	3	Section C: Humanities		
Level 1 – equivalent to the first two semesters (or 6 semester hours) of college-level foreign language course work						
Level 2 – equivalent to the first four semesters (or 12 semester hours) of college-level foreign language course work						
History and Social Sciences						
American Government	50	3	3	Section B1: American Institutions		American Institutions Satisfied
History of the United States I: Early Colonization to 1877	50	3	3	Section B1: American Institutions		American Institutions Satisfied
History of the United States II: 1865 to present	50	3	3	Section B1: American Institutions		American Institutions Satisfied
Human Growth and Development	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and		

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				Behavioral Sciences		
Introduction to Educational Psychology	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Introductory Psychology	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Introductory Sociology	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Principles of Macroeconomics	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Principles of Microeconomics	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Social Sciences and History	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Western Civilization I: 1648 to Present	50	3	3	Section B2: Social and Behavioral Sciences		
Science and Mathematics						
Biology	50	6	3	Section A: Natural Sciences		
Calculus	50	3	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	Mathematics Competency Satisfied	
Chemistry	50	6	3	Section A: Natural Sciences		
College Algebra	50	3	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	Mathematics Competency Satisfied	
College Mathematics	50	6	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	Mathematics Competency Satisfied	
Precalculus	50	3	3	Section D2: Communication and Analytical Thinking	Mathematics Competency Satisfied	
Natural Sciences	50	6	3	Section A: Natural Sciences		

¹ The scores and credit hours that appear in this table are the credit-granting scores and semester hours recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE). The scores listed above are equivalent to a grade of C in the corresponding course.

³ This score is recommended for exams administered after June 30, 2008. Sources: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.htm>