



Standardized Exam Equivalency Table

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Part A: College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) Examinations

- Notes:**
- Some majors have specific requirements that may not be met by the indicated exams. Students should contact their academic advisor for official equivalency prior to taking any exams.
 - Students planning to take a CLEP exam should contact the College Board at their main website (www.collegeboard.com) for the nearest testing center. Costs: \$85 (per CLEP test).
 - Minimum Required Score and credits: NU accepts the recommendation of the American Council on Education regarding credit value and minimum acceptable scores for the awarding of credit.



NU COURSE	CLEP TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
HUMANITIES			
ENGL 1013 Comp I: Expository Writing	College Composition	6	the 3 additional credits are applied to General Electives
ENGL 1013 Comp I: Expository Writing	College Composition Modular	3	
ENGL 2203 Survey of American Literature	American Literature	3	
ENGL 2133 Survey of British Literature	English Literature	3	
Literature Elective	Analyzing and Interpreting Literature	3	
HUMANITIES			
Any general Humanities other than History	Humanities	3	
HIST 2503 US History I to 1877	U.S. History I	3	
HIST 2513 US History II 1877 to the 1970's	U.S. History II	3	

NU COURSE	CLEP TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
HIST 1503 Western Civ I or to AD 850 HIST 1513 Western Civ II AD 850-1648	Western Civilization I: Ancient Near East to 1648	3	covers either West Civ I or II, but not both
HIST 1523 Western Civilization III 1648 - Pres	Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present	3	
Any course in History	Social Sciences and History	6	3 additional credits applied to General Electives
LANG 1053 Elementary French I & LANG 1063 Elementary French II	College-Level French Language (Level 1) (2 semesters)	6	Score of 50 required Additional credits are applied to General Electives
LANG 1053 Elementary French I & LANG 1063 Elementary French II	College-Level French Language (Level 2) (4 semesters)	9	Score of 59 Additional credits are applied to General Electives
Foreign Language or Modern Foreign Language	College-Level German Language (Level 1) (2 semesters)	6	Score of 50 required Additional credits are applied to General Electives
Foreign Language or Modern Foreign Language	College-Level German Language (Level 2) (4 semesters)	9	Score of 60 required Additional credits are applied to General Electives
LANG 1013 Elementary Spanish I & LANG 1023 Elementary Spanish II	College-Level Spanish Language (Level 1) (2 semesters)	6	Score of 50 required
LANG 1013 Elementary Spanish I & LANG 1023 Elementary Spanish II & LANG 2013 Intermediate Spanish I	College-Level Spanish Language (Level 2) (4 semesters)	9	Score of 63 required
MATHEMATICS			
College Level Mathematics	College Algebra	3	
College Level Mathematics	College Mathematics	6	3 credits are applied to General Electives
MATH 1203 or 1213 Pre calculus	Pre-calculus	3	
MATH 1243 Calculus I	Calculus	3	
SCIENCE			
SCIE Non-lab science elective	Biology	6	3 credits are applied to non-lab science 3 credits are applied to General Electives
SCIE Non-lab science elective	Chemistry	6	3 credits are applied to the non-lab science 3 credits are applied to General Electives

NU COURSE	CLEP TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
SCIE 1183 Physical & Earth Science I & SCIE 1193 Physical & Earth Science II	Natural Sciences	6	3 credits are applied to non-lab science 3 credits are applied to General Electives
SOCIAL SCIENCE			
PSCI 2503 American Government	American Government	3	
BUSM 2553 Survey of Economics	Principles of Macroeconomics	3	
BUSM 2553 Survey of Economics	Principles of Microeconomics	3	
PSYC 1013 General Psychology	Introductory Psychology	3	
SOCI 1113 Survey of Sociology	Introductory Sociology	3	
PSYC 2553 Educational Psychology	Introduction to Educational Psychology	3	
PSYC 2563 Lifespan Psychology	Human Growth and Development	3	
SOCIAL SCIENCE / BUSINESS			
BFIN 2203 Princ of Financial Accounting	Financial Accounting	3	
BUSM 3403 Business Law	Introductory Business Law	3	
BMGT 3103 Org Management Theory	Principles of Management	3	
BMKT 3303 Marketing Theory	Principles of Marketing	3	
General Elective	Information Systems	3	

Part B: D.S.S.T. Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)

- Notes:**
- *Some majors have specific requirements that may not be met by the indicated exams. Students should contact their academic advisor for official equivalency prior to taking any exams.*
 - *Minimum Required Score and Credits: NU accepts the recommendation of DSST regarding credit value and minimum acceptable scores for the awarding of credit.*



NU COURSE	DSST TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
HUMANITIES			
ARTE 1022 Art Appreciation	Art of the Western World	3	

NU COURSE	DSST TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
COMM 1213 Fund of Speech Communication	Principles of Public Speaking	3	
English	Principles of Advanced English Composition	3	
History	History of the Soviet Union	3	
History	The Civil War and Reconstruction	3	
History	A History of the Vietnam War	3	
MATHEMATICS			
College Level Mathematics	Fundamentals of College Algebra	3	
MATH 2003 Intro to Statistics	Principles of Statistics	3	
College Level Mathematics	Math for Liberal Arts	3	
PHYSICAL SCIENCE			
SCIE Non-lab science elective	Astronomy	3	
PEDU Physical Education course	Health and Human Development	3	Non-activity PEDU course
SCIE Non-lab science elective	Environmental Science	3	
SCIE 1183 Physical & Earth Science I	Principles of Physical Science I	3	
SOCIAL SCIENCE			
GEOG 3212 Intro Geography	Human / Cultural Geography	3	Teacher Education Students: only upon approval of advisor
PHIL 2763 Ethics	Ethics in America	3	
Social Science elective or General Elective	Foundations of Education	3	EDUC 2012 Foundations of Education only upon approval of Dean of Education
PSYC 2563 Lifespan Psychology	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3	Teacher Education/Psychology students: satisfies Lifespan Psychology by advisor permission only
INCS/SOCI 3423 Cultural Anthropology	General Anthropology	3	
General Elective	Substance Abuse	3	
General Elective	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	
Political Science	Criminal Justice	3	
Psychology Elective or General Elective	Fundamentals of Counseling	3	
General Elective	Fundamentals of Cybersecurity	3	
SOCIAL SCIENCE / BUSINESS			
Business Elective	Business Ethics & Society	3	

NU COURSE	DSST TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
BFIN 3603 Finance	Principles of Finance	3	
BMGT 3203 Human Resource Management	Human Resource Management	3	
Business Elective	Organizational Behavior	3	
Business Elective	Principles of Supervision	3	
General Elective	Computing and Information Technology	3	
Business Elective	Introduction to Business	3	
Business Elective	Money and Banking	3	
BFIN 1152 Elements of Personal Finance	Personal Finance	3	
Business Elective	Management Information Systems	3	
General Elective	Business Mathematics	3	Business Elective upon approval of academic advisor
OTHER DEPARTMENTS			
INCS/MISS/RELG 3503 Intro to World Religions	Introduction to World Religions	3	
General Elective	Technical Writing	3	

Part C: Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations

- *An official examination result from the College Board is required to award credit. Official examination results posted onto official high school transcripts are acceptable.*
- *Minimum Required Score: an examination score of 3, 4, or 5 is required.*

NU COURSE	AP TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
HUMANITIES			
ENGL 1013 Comp I: Expository Writing	English, Language and Composition	3	If English Lang and English Lit exams are taken, then credit is given for ENGL 1013 Expository Writing and Literature Elective
ENGL 1013 Comp I: Expository Writing	English, Literature and Composition	3	
History	History, European	3	
History	History, US	3	
History	History, World	3	
Humanities	Art History	3	
Humanities	Art, Studio: 2D	3	
Humanities	Art, Studio: 3D	3	
Humanities	Art, Studio: Drawing	3	

NU COURSE	AP TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
Foreign Language	Latin	3	
Modern Foreign Language (LANG 1053)	French Language and Culture	3	If a score of 4 or 5 is earned, student receives 5 additional credits for a total of 10 credits for Elementary French I and II (LANG 1053 and 1063)
Modern Foreign Language	German Language and Culture	3	If a score of 4 or 5 is earned, student receives 3 additional credits for a total of 6 credits
Modern Foreign Language	Italian Language and Culture	3	
Modern Foreign Language (LANG 1013)	Spanish Language and Culture	3	If a score of 4 or 5 is earned, student receives 5 additional credits for a total of 10 credits for Elementary Spanish I and II (LANG 1013 and 1023)
Modern Foreign Language	Spanish Literature and Culture	3	
Modern Foreign Language	Japanese Language and Culture	3	
Modern Foreign Language	Chinese Language and Culture	3	
Music Elective & MUSI 1113 Written Theory I & MUSI 1131 Ear Training & Sight-Singing I	Music Theory	7	
MATHEMATICS			
MATH 1203 or 1213 Pre-Calculus & MATH 1243 Calculus I	Mathematics, Calculus AB	6	
MATH 1203 or 1213 Pre-Calculus MATH 1243 Calculus I	Mathematics, Calculus BC	6	If a score of 4 or 5 is earned, student receives 5 additional credits for a total of 11 credits for Pre-Calculus, Calculus I, and Calculus II (MATH 2245)
MATH 2003 Introduction to Statistics	Statistics	3	
SCIENCE			
Laboratory Science	Physics C, Electricity and Magnetism	4	
Laboratory Science	Physics C, Mechanics	4	
Laboratory Science	Physics 1: Algebra-Based	4	
Laboratory Science	Physics 2: Algebra-Based	4	
SCIE 1103/1 Principles of Biology	Biology	4	
SCIE 1203 College Chemistry I	Chemistry	4	
SCIE 2403/1 Environmental Science	Environmental Science	4	

NU COURSE	AP TEST TITLE (with web site link)	CREDITS AWARDED	APPLICATION NOTES
SOCIAL SCIENCE			
BUSM 2553 Survey of Economics	Microeconomics	3	
BUSM 2553 Survey of Economics	Macroeconomics	3	
GEOG Elective	Geography, Human	3	
PSCI 2503 American Government	Government and Politics, US	3	
PSCI Elective	Government and Politics, Comparative	3	
PSYC 1013 General Psychology	Psychology	3	Nursing Students: score of 4 or 5 required for course transfer
OTHER DEPARTMENTS			
General Elective	Computer Science A	3	
General Elective	Computer Science Principles	3	
AP CAPSTONE PROGRAM			
General Electives	AP Seminar	3	
General Electives	AP Research	3	

Part D: International Baccalaureate (IB) Examinations

- *An official IB transcript is required to award credit. Transcripts can be ordered via www.ibo.org*
- *NU accepts a minimum score of 4 for HL credits and 5 for SL credits.*

Part E: Cambridge Exams

- *Cambridge credits are carefully reviewed on a case-by-case basis for transfer.*

Part F: American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL)

- *An official ACTFL transcript is required to reward credit.*
- *Credit evaluation is determined by the table below:*

World Languages		
Official ACTFL Rating	Official OPI / OPIc	Official WPT
Novice High / Intermediate Low	3 Credits	3 Credits
Intermediate Mid	6 Credits	6 Credits
Intermediate High / Advanced Low	6 Credits	7 Credits
Advanced Mid	6 Credits	9 Credits
Advanced High / Superior	6 Credits	12 Credits

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