

COLLEGE LEVEL EXAM PROGRAM (CLEP)

CLEP exams are offered by the College Board at test centers around the country. There are tests in many subject matter areas, but they are not connected to any preparatory course. Preparation for the tests is accomplished through independent study of texts and resources recommended by the Board. To learn more about the tests, contact CLEP at 800-257-9558 or 212-237-1331, or visit the [CLEP website](#).

The acceptable scores for CLEP examinations change over time. The university's current minimum satisfactory scores in subject tests are listed below. (Note that these may differ from what appears on CLEP's website. Note, too, that New Paltz does not honor the CLEP General Exams). Achievement of the minimum score will result in transcript credit for the equivalent course at New Paltz. CLEP tests may be taken at any time, except for the College Composition test, which must be taken prior to enrollment as a regularly admitted student.

Visit [CLEP Test Center Search](#) to find a test center near you. The following test center is closest to New Paltz:

Dutchess Community College (9.69 miles from New Paltz)

53 Pendell Road
Student Services Center, Room 104
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
845-790-3734

[CLEP Exams at Dutchess Community College](#)

The following CLEP subject tests are acceptable at New Paltz.

CLEP Subject Examination Title	Minimum Score	Corresponding Essay Credit	Remarks
Biology			
General Biology	50	3 credits in BIO201 + 3 credits in BIO202	Students may earn 1 additional credit in BIO211 and/or 1 additional credit in BIO212 upon departmental evaluation
Business Administration			
Principles of Management	47	3 credits in BUS250	not required
Intro. Business Law	51	3 credits in BUS271	not required
Chemistry			

General Chemistry	50	3 credits in CHE201 + 3 credits in CHE202	Students may earn 1 additional credit in CHE211 and/or 1 additional credit in CHE212 upon departmental evaluation
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Economics			
Principles of Microeconomics	47	3 credits in ECO206	not required
Principles of Macroeconomics	48	3 credits in ECO207	not required
English			
College Composition	60	3 credits in ENG160	essay portion of the College Composition exam is required See footnote 1 below.
History			
History of the United States I	60	4 credits in HIS221	not required
History of the United States II	60	4 credits in HIS222	not required
Western Civilization II: 1648 to the Present	60	4 credits in HIS214	not required
Mathematics			
Calculus	55	4 credits in MAT251	See footnote 2 below.
Precalculus	55	4 credits in MAT181	See footnote 2 below.
College Algebra	55	3 credits in MAT152	See footnote 2 below.
College Math	55	3 credits in MAT120	See footnote 2 below.
Political Science			
American Government	55	4 credits in POL216	not required
Psychology			
Introductory Psychology	50	3 credits in PSY101	not required
Human Growth and Development	50	3 credits in PSY241	not required
Sociology			
Introductory Sociology	50	3 credits in SOC100	not required
World Languages			

College-Level French	59	3 credits in FRN201 (Intermediate French I)	Possibility of 3 additional credits in FRN202 (Intermediate French II) upon satisfactory interview at SUNY New Paltz
College-Level German	60	3 credits GER201 (Intermediate German I)	Possibility of 3 additional credits in GER202 (Intermediate German II) upon satisfactory interview at SUNY New Paltz
College-Level Spanish	63	3 credits in SPA201 (Intermediate Spanish I)	Possibility of 4 additional credits in SPA202 (Intermediate Spanish II) upon satisfactory interview at SUNY New Paltz

¹ Notes for use of CLEP in meeting GE 5 Communication - Written and Oral and GE4 Basic Communication requirements:

- CLEP scores must be received prior to matriculation – i.e., no later than the first day of classes of the student's first semester at New Paltz.
- If a student receives a score of 60 or above on the College Composition CLEP exam, which includes a required essay, the student may earn 3 credits in ENG160 Composition I. Only the College Composition exam with essay can be considered; the CLEP General exams in English and the Composition Modular without an essay are not acceptable.
- ENG160 Composition I is the prerequisite for ENG170 Writing and Rhetoric, New Paltz's GE 5 Communication - Written and Oral and GE4 Basic Communication course.

² Note for use of CLEP in meeting Math requirements: Credits awarded for the courses shown may be applied as prerequisites to the next higher course.