

# ADVISOR HANDBOOK 2001-2002

## TESTING AND EXAMINATIONS (CLEP, AP, AND PLACEMENT TESTS)

### College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

The CLEP examinations were designed for students who wish to utilize previous knowledge and experience in lieu of required University Studies coursework. CLEP is a national program of credit-by-examination, allowing students to obtain recognition for college-level achievement. This privilege is intended to measure information and training gained from practical experience that may be considered the equivalent of the experience and training received by students in an organized course given at the University.

Students may earn credits through CLEP general examinations. Four areas of testing are available: English Composition, Natural Science (which is broken down into Biological Science and Physical Science), Humanities, and Social Sciences/History. A breakdown of score results and corresponding credit is given in the Credit by Examination Summary Tables. There is no credit given for Math.

It is possible for most University Studies coursework to be fulfilled by CLEP examinations. Students are advised to note that individual departments and/or colleges may specify

the exact nature of filling the requirements and may require more than the minimum requirements. Individual departments and/or colleges may not accept CLEP examinations in lieu of University Studies. Some departments and colleges require specific coursework for University Studies, which the CLEP examinations may not satisfy.

Students who fulfill University Studies requirements by CLEP examinations may still elect to take University Studies courses for enrichment as part of their curriculum and receive credit for those courses. It is important to note that if a student has received credit (including AP credit) for any coursework that is related to the subject matter of a CLEP examination, prior to taking the CLEP examination, the credits earned from the course will be deducted from the earned CLEP credits.

Students should also be aware that other institutions have policies, regarding CLEP scores and credits granted for those scores, which differ from those of USU.

#### University Studies Designations

See page 41.

### CLEP General Examinations Summary Table

Area of Testing General Exams	USU University Studies	Minimum Test Score	USU Credits Granted
English Composition (1000 level only)	(CL) Communications Literacy	500	4 (1000 level)
Natural Science (1) Biological Science	(BLS) Breadth Life Sciences	450-470 480-490 500 or higher	1 3 4
Natural Science (2) Physical Science	(BPS) Breadth Physical Sciences	450-470 480-490 500 or higher	1 3 4
Humanities	(BHU) Breadth Humanities	450-470 480-490 500 or higher	2 4 7

Social Sciences / History	(BSS)	450-470	2
	Breadth Social Sciences	480-490	4
		500 or higher	7

A score of 500 or more on the Social Sciences / History exam also fills the Breadth American Institutions (BAI) requirement. CLEP Examinations are available in Testing Services in University Inn 115.

## CLEP Subject Examinations Summary Table

Department	CLEP Test Title	Min. Score	USU Courses	Credit Granted
Accounting	Introductory Accounting	52	Acct 2010, 2020	6
Biology	General Biology	46	Biol 1010 (BLS)	3
Business Administration	Principles of Marketing	55	BA 3500	3
Business Information Systems	Information Systems & Computer Applications			0
Chemistry	General Chemistry			0
Economics	Principles of Macroeconomics	48	Econ 1500 (BAI)	3
	Principles of Microeconomics	47	Econ 2010	3
English	American Literature	46	Engl 2160	3
	Analysis & Interpretations of Literature	49	Engl 1030 (BHU)	3
	English Literature	46	Engl 2140	3
	Freshman College Composition	47	Engl 1010 (CL)	3
History	American History I: Early to 1877	45	Hist 1700 (BAI)	3
	American History II: 1865 to Present	45	Hist 1700 (BAI)	3
	Western Civilization I: Ancient to 1648	47	Hist 1040 (BHU)	3
	Western Civilization II: 1648 to Present	47	Hist 1050 (BHU)	3
Languages & Philosophy	College French 1			0
	College French 2			0
	College German 1			0
	College German 2			0
	College Spanish 1			0
	College Spanish 2			0
Mathematics	Calculus with Elementary Functions			0
	College Algebra			0
	College Algebra / Trigonometry			0
	Trigonometry			0
Management & Human Resources	Introductory Business Law			0
	Principles of Management			0
Political Science	American Government			0
Psychology	Introductory Psychology	53	Psy 1010 (BSS)	3
	Introduction to Educational Psychology	53	Psy 3660*	2
	Human Growth & Development	53	Psy 1100	3
Sociology	Introductory Sociology	55	Soc 1010 (BSS)	3

\* Students who plan to use Psy3660 for teacher certification should contact the teacher certification office in Education 103, phone 797-1443, prior to making arrangements for the examination.

## Advanced Placement (AP)

Advanced Placement examinations are offered at the high school level only. A number of examination areas are available; not all high schools offer all available AP examinations. Generally, the major areas chosen include English, American history, mathematics, chemistry, and physics.

Examinations are scored on a one-to-five scale. Students may receive 4 or 8 credits for a composite score of

3, 4, or 5 on any Advanced Placement examination. Earned credit may be applied toward the University Studies requirements and may cover a maximum of four Breadth areas. This information is summarized below.

AP Score	USU Credits Granted
0, 1, or 2	0
3, 4, or 5	4 or 8

### Advanced Placement (AP) USU Credit Allocation Table

AP Test	Score	USU Courses	Course Credits	University Studies or Elective Credits	Total Credits
Art: History	3-5	Art 2710 (BHU) & 2720 (BHU)	6	2 Humanities (BHU)	8
Art: Studio Drawing	3-4	Art 1110 (BCA)	3	5 Creative Arts (BCA)	8
	5	Art 1110 (BCA) & 1120 (BCA)	6	2 Creative Arts (BCA)	8
Art: Studio General	3-4	Art 1120 (BCA)	3	5 Creative Arts (BCA)	8
	5	Art 1120 (BCA) & 1130	6	2 Creative Arts (BCA)	8
Biology	3-5	Biol 1010 (BLS)	3	5 Life Sciences (BLS)	8
Chemistry	3-4	Chem 1210	4	4 Physical Sciences (BPS)	8
	3-4	Chem 1010 (BPS) & 1110 or Placement*	7	1 Physical Sciences (BPS)	8
	5	Chem 1210 & 1220 (BPS)	8	----	8
Computer Science A	3-5	CS 1050	3	1 Elective CS	4
Computer Science AB	3-5	CS 1010 (BPS) & CS 1050	6	2 Elective CS	8
Economics: Macro	3-5	Econ 1500 (BAI)	3	1 Elective Economics	4
Economics: Micro	3-5	Econ 2010	3	1 Elective Economics	4
English: Language & Comp.	3-5	Engl 1010 (CL)	3	5 Elective English	8
English: Literature & Comp.	3-5	Engl 1010 (CL)	3	4 Humanities (BHU) 1 Elective English	8
Environmental Studies	3-5	USU 1310 (BSC)	3	1 Life Sciences (BLS)	4
French Language	3-5	Fren 1010 & 1020	8	--	8
French Literature		currently under review			
Geography (Human)		currently under review			
German Language	3-5	Germ 1010 & 1020	8	--	8
Government & Politics: US	3-5	PolS 1100 (BAI)	3	1 Elective Political Science	4
Government & Politics: Comparative	3-5	PolS 2200 (BSS)	3	1 Social Sciences (BSS)	4
History: United States	3-5	Hist 1700 (BAI)	3	5 Elective Humanities	8
History: European	3-5	Hist 1050 (BHU)	3	5 Humanities (BHU)	8

Latin: Catullus-Horace	3-4 5	Latn 1010 Latn 1020	5 5	3 Elective Humanities 3 Elective Humanities	8 8
Latin: Vergil	3-4 5	Latn 1010 Latn 1020	5 5	3 Elective Humanities 3 Elective Humanities	8 8
Mathematics: Calculus AB	3 4-5	-- Math 1210 (QL)	-- 4	8 Electives (QL) 4 Electives (QL)	8 8
Mathematics: Calculus BC	3-4 5	Math 1210 (QL) Math 1210 (QL) & 1220 (QL)	4 8	4 Electives (QL) --	8 8
Mathematics: Statistics	3-5	Stat 2000 (QI)	3	1 Elective (QI)	4
Music: Listening	3-5	Musc 1010 (BCA)	3	5 Creative Arts (BCA)	8
Music: Theory	3-5	Musc 1010 (BCA)	3	5 Creative Arts (BCA)	8

### Advanced Placement (AP) USU Credit Allocation Table (continued)

AP Test	Score	USU Courses	Course Credits	University Studies or Elective Credits	Total Credits
Physics B	3 4-5	-- Phyx 2110 or 2210 (QI)**	-- 4	8 Elective Physical Sci. 4 Elective Physical Sci.	8 8
Physics C: Mechanics	3-5	Phyx 2210 (QI)	4	--	4
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	3 4-5	-- Phyx 2220 (QI)	-- 4	4 Elective Physics --	4 4
Psychology	3-5	Psy 1010 (BSS)	3	1 Social Sciences (BSS)	4
Spanish Language	3-5	Span 1010 & 1020	8	--	8
Spanish Literature		currently under review			

\* The student/advisor may choose the 1010 or 1210 track according to what best suits the student's major.

\*\* The student/advisor may choose the 2110 or 2210 track according to what best suits the student's major.

NOTE: AP and CLEP credit combined may cover a maximum of four Breadth areas for University Studies requirements.

## Placement Tests

Following is a list of areas that offer placement tests.

**a. English:** ACT test scores may be used as a placement tool in recommending the level of courses to be taken. Students with an English ACT score of 16 or less will be referred to the English Skills Laboratory for diagnosis of the student's skills, and an appropriate remedial course may be required.

An ACT English score of 29 or higher, or an SAT Verbal score of 640 or higher, will waive 1000-level composition and qualify a student for placement in a sophomore-level course.

**b. Mathematics:** The results of the ACT or SAT mathematics section, along with other pertinent information

(high school coursework, etc.), are used as a basis for placing incoming freshmen students in the proper mathematics course as follows:

### Placement in Mathematics and Statistics Courses

Course	Math ACT Score	Math SAT Score
Math 1010	18 or higher	440 or higher
Stat 1040	19 or higher	460 or higher
Math 1030	23 or higher	540 or higher
Math 1050	23 or higher	540 or higher
Math 1060	23 or higher	540 or higher

Math 1100	25 or higher	580 or higher
Math 2020	25 or higher	580 or higher
Math 1210	27 or higher	620 or higher

Regardless of previous record, a student may take any of the math placement tests up to twice per semester. They are administered on a walk-in basis until 3:00 p.m. each day in the Testing Center, located in the University Inn, Room 115. A \$5.00 fee is required for each test and results are known within a few minutes. There are three different tests for placement into:

- a. Math 1010
- b. Math 1030, 1050, 1060 or Stat 1040
- c. Math 1100, 1210, 2020, or Stat 2300

Generally, students who receive an ACT score of 17 or lower are advised to take the Math 1010 Placement Test to determine which entry-level course is needed. Based on the results of the test, Math 1010 or 0900 will be recommended. Math 0900 is a refresher course and has an additional fee. In addition, Math 0900 does not count for college credit.

**c. TOEFL:** The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of international students for admission to the University. It is not used for granting credit nor for waiver of the communications literacy requirement. International undergraduate students are required to complete the Intensive English course unless they receive a score of 500/173 (computer) or higher on the TOEFL examination, or a Michigan score of 80.

**d. Languages:** Where basic skills in a language have been acquired by means other than college courses, up to 16 lower-division credits may be earned by special examination.

Students with skills in a language other than those offered by the department may earn credit by successfully performing on a special Language Department examination. However, these examinations are no longer offered at USU. Interested students must make arrangements to take one of these exams at Brigham Young University.

Students with skills in a language which is offered by the Languages and Philosophy Department may earn credit by successfully performing on an examination or by successfully completing an upper-division (3000-level or above) language course with a grade of B or better. Students should contact the Languages and Philosophy Department in Main 204, 797-1209.

## Credit by Special Examination

Matriculated students may challenge a course for credit by taking a special available challenge examination or a departmental examination. The examination must survey knowledge of course content and may include papers, projects, portfolios, etc. Students who take one of these examinations will receive the exam grade posted to their transcript for that course with a designation that it was earned by special examination.

University credit is awarded for examinations in courses the student has not already taken; students challenging a course in which they are registered must do so within the first two weeks of the course. Students not registered will be required to pay a fee (standard recording fee and course-specific examination fee).

The Testing Center has a listing of special available challenge exams, such as for American Institutions courses. Departments will determine if other courses are appropriate for challenge; students should contact the instructor and/or department. If a challenge exam is available, the instructor should advise the student as to whether he or she has a reasonable chance of passing. Students will have the final choice.

Credits earned by challenge exam cannot be used toward a graduate degree nor be used to meet the minimum USU course requirement.

Application forms for permission to take special examinations are available in the Records Office, TSC 246.